



Mrs. Schilb's Newsletter



Website: <http://aschilb.emsd37.org>

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Teacher Notes

Happy New Year! The students and I would like to wish all of you a wonderful 2008! Our first two days back were very busy with writing New Year's resolutions, reading, and setting goals for the remainder of the school year. We all missed each other during the break, so it was great to get back together. Thank you for all of the thoughtful gifts!


Updated Website: During the holiday break, I was able to upload more pictures. I will be taking the students to the computer lab each week to help them learn key terms when using the keyboard and the internet. If you get time, please be sure to check out our new pictures at:

<http://aschilb.emsd37.org/Pictures/cover07.htm>

Planners: On Monday morning, if you could turn the page over to the next week it would really help. Thanks!



This will be our last week before report cards and I am sure the Quality Kids will keep up their great work. I will be adding a new type of test during the second semester that will require the students to show how they are retaining the first five words on each list. I'll send home a list of words covered during the first semester in report cards.

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
their	man	man
which	too	too
about	any	any
how	day	day
up	same	same
king	few	jewelry
wing	blue	newspaper
sting	true	newborn
bring	stew	continue
swing	drew	chewy
Challenge Words	clue	brewing
spring	glue	avenue
string	chew	fluent
	flew	blueprint
	threw	value
	jewel	statue
	renew	fuel
	Challenge Words	Challenge Words
	screwdriver	screwdriver
	review	review

Important Dates Coming Up:

- January 10th: PTA Meeting @ 6:30
- January 21st: No School; Martin Luther King Day
- January 28th: Early dismissal @ 11:30
- February 1st: No school for students

Special Person of the Week!

Alexander!



Alex is a second grader and his favorite subjects in school are math and reading. He likes to color on scratch paper in his spare time, and wants to be an artist when he grows up because he's a very good drawer right now. His buddies Marley and Aiden say Alex is a good friend, artist, good at everything in school, and very helpful.

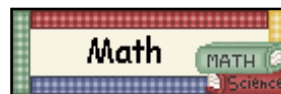


During most of this week, I will be assessing the students' reading levels during guided reading. We have made some great gains, and I am anxious to share our progress with you when report cards are sent home on Wednesday, January 16th.

The focus for reading during the second semester will be on comprehension for second graders, as well as being able to demonstrate understanding through written responses. First graders should be able to apply decoding strategies independently as they encounter more difficult words. In addition, we have all made a commitment to reading every day by SURFing each day. SURF is our acronym for:

Silent Uninterrupted Reading Fun!

So please be sure to ask your child what they are reading during SURF time. ☺



Even though the students love computation, we will be moving into measurement during the next several weeks. This will include measuring length, weight, and temperature. However, we will continue to work on computation each day to keep up their great skills!



Everyday: Read, read, read!

Monday: Write spelling words in planner

Tuesday: Math worksheet

Wednesday: Math worksheet

Thursday: Spelling worksheet