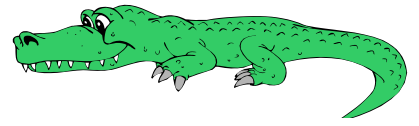


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Coming Events

January 2

- Holiday! No school for students and staff

January 3

- First day back after winter break
- PTA Meeting at 6:30pm in the Media Center

January 16

- No School for students and staff: MLK Day

January 17, 18, 19

- Mad Science in-house field trip for 2nd grade classes

January 20

- Second marking period ends

January 23

- Professional Day for Teachers- No school for students

January 24

- 3rd marking period begins
- Principal's Coffee 7:00 – 8:00 pm

January 27

- Family, Fun, and Fitness Night

January 30, 31

- Vision and hearing screening Kindergarteners, First Grade, and students new to MCPS



Spelling

This month in spelling we will explore word endings or suffixes such as –ed, -ing, and plural endings. We will continue working with second grade high frequency words.

Reading

This month we will focus on: Reading for literary experiences.

We will also do an Author Study of Jan Brett.

Independent Reading

Using, “just right” books, we will ask questions, predict, and identify important information.

Reading for Literary Experience

- We begin our author study on Jan Brett
- Review story elements, making and checking predictions, character traits, evaluating titles, cause/effect.

MClass Testing

We will be conducting MClass testing in our second grade classrooms beginning January 9th and ending February 3rd. Testing will be done on each individual student to ensure that students are receiving the best reading instruction for their level.

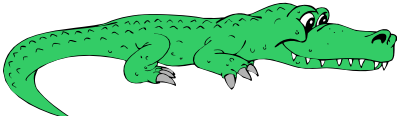
Writing

We will continue working on writing to inform.

We will research and write about an animal.

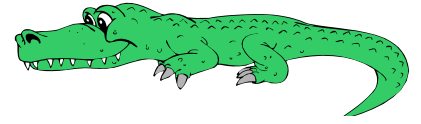
We will focus on:

- ❖ How to find important facts
- ❖ How to sort facts into categories
- ❖ How to edit
- ❖ How to use text features such as captions, pictures, and table of contents
- ❖ How to publish



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Science

We will begin our unit on *Classifying Matter* where we will classify objects based on their observable properties.



Social Studies

We will be finishing up our study of the Pilgrims and Wampanoag. We will create a large mural in the main hallway entitled "Wampanoag Winter Home." For the upcoming unit, we will begin identifying the characteristics of an effective leader and how these characteristics influence the decisions he/she makes. We will read biographies and learn about the important leaders in our country's past and present.

Important Notes

- Look for a permission slip for our in-house field trip for Mad Science held on 1/19 and 1/20.
- As the winter months continue, please remember to dress students in winter wear as outside recess will continue during these months when appropriate.
- If there is inclement weather, be sure to check the news to see if school is delayed or closed.
- Check the lost and found for missing items. Remember to label all winter clothing with your child's name.



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Thank You

Thank you to all of our parent volunteers. We appreciate your help in the classroom preparing materials and working with small groups.

