

All the News from the Second Grade Shining Stars  
February 2021



Dear Families:

Welcome to February! We are looking forward to a busy and exciting month. We have many activities ahead of us as well as some good strong learning days.

In language arts (*My View*) the children will work more with r-controlled vowels, final consonant clusters, base words and endings, and vowel pairs. Some reading strategies they will learn are how to clarify a question, summarize a story, and use decoding skills. Comprehension skills will include drawing conclusions, text organization, and cause and effect. Some of the grammar skills we will be working on are nouns, verbs, and singular and plural possessive nouns.

In Science we are learning about dental health and heart healthy habits. We did a quick study about groundhogs and *Groundhog's Day* this week. We named our fictitious groundhog "Sacred Heart Stan." We will continue the unit in earth science called "Treasures from the Earth." During this unit we will be learning about rocks, fossils, and soils. The children will learn that rocks and soils have different properties that make them useful in different ways. We will also learn about weathering and erosion.

We will wrap up our Social Studies unit about working together. We will begin more of a *SOCIAL* aspect studying how to make and be good friends. Look toward positive things that are happening and celebrate the good in our school, community, state and world.

We will begin our sixth math unit in February. This unit is about whole-number operations and number stories. The students will be introduced to arrays. They will review strategies for solving addition and subtraction problems, and they will develop procedures for multiplication/division problems. On non-homework nights please encourage your child to practice facts and skills. It keeps them fresh for our daily activities. Using [ixl.com](http://ixl.com) is also good for enrichment.

Report cards for the first semester are complete. If you have any questions about your child's progress, please contact me. I will be glad to clarify anything for you. We are in a very strong academic part of the year. The students are achieving well with their goals. It is important that we work together to further their success.

Thank you for your support. If an academic area is marked N/A it means we have not studied this area yet, but will by the end of our school year.

Our religion lessons have been about Lent, missions and service. During these units we visit many places in the world where missionaries work with people, helping them to enrich their lives and make a better future for themselves and their children.

***PLANNING AHEAD: Sunday, March 21 at 2:00 PM is Reconciliation. Please watch for further details regarding First Communion information. Thank you.***

February is Dental Health Month. Have you made your 6-month visit to the dentist yet? Mrs. Cindy Rieck, our school nurse and I coordinated an instructional dental health lesson for the children. The children are learning proper brushing methods, dental health, nutrition awareness for our teeth, and information about visits to the dentist.

Enjoy the sunny days ahead!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Marijo Fischer

