

Benson's Bits

Week 15

December 8-12, 2025

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~Brantley is Star of the Week~

***TEAMWORK PARTY** ~ Our class earned another TEAMWORK PARTY last week! We celebrated with chips and cheese, along with a movie. WAY TO GO!

***SANTA LETTERS** ~ The letters that second graders wrote to Santa were sent to the North Pole. A copy of the letter was also sent to the Fertile Journal and will be published in the December 16th edition.

***READING GOALS** ~ New goals and calendars were sent home for the month of December. The December goal calendar is due Monday January 5. Thanks to all of the second graders who worked hard to meet their November reading goals.

***MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES READ TO ACHIEVE RECORDING SHEETS** are due TODAY. Students who read and recorded 500 or more minutes of reading at home and/or in school between Monday October 27th and Sunday December 7th will receive a ticket offer to a Timberwolves home game.

****CONGRATULATIONS** to those who read the extra minutes to earn your ticket offer to a TIMBERWOLVES' home game. Names of readers will be sent in and the ticket will be sent to the school and given out as soon as they arrive.

***SPELLING WORDS** ~ Spelling word lists will be sent home on Mondays. The words will be tested on Fridays.

***YEARBOOK ORDER FORM:** If you place an order from December 1 - January 30, the cost is \$55.

***MORNING and NOON RECESS:** The weather is getting colder. Students will be required to dress in hats, gloves, snow pants, coats, and boots (FULL GEAR) for recess each day. If your family is in need of outside clothing, please let your teacher know as there are donated items for that purpose.

***NIGHTLY HOMEWORK** ~Read 15-20 minutes to a person that makes you feel special. Remember to mark reading days on your December reading calendar.

Monday -

- *Second graders wrote about their weekends using sequence words.
- *Our mini-lesson in reading focused on reading passages and answering questions about characters, setting, problem, and solution.
- *Spelling words were introduced by students sorting the r-controlled words into four categories (*are, air, ear, and oddball*). They also played a game to review meanings of each.
- *Second graders matched subtraction facts with strategies, measured a path in inches and centimeters, and explored arrays during math.
- *Students read a Scholastic News about penguins.

HOMEWORK:

- *Math Home Link 4.11
- *Spelling words sent home (Week 11). Please study the word list throughout the week. This week the spelling test will be on Friday. The homework sorting paper sent home tonight will also be due on Friday.

Tuesday -

- *Students will edit and share journals about their weekend.
- *Our mini-lesson in reading will focus on reading passages and answering questions about characters, setting, problem, and solution.
- *Students will blend sounds to read words, and practice reading and writing words with the *are, air, and ear* spelling patterns.
- *During math students will review for the Unit 4 Assessment
- *Students will work on holiday projects.

HOMEWORK:

- *Unit 4 Math Study Guide ~ look over for tomorrow's test
- *Spelling homework ~ unscramble

Wednesday -

- *This morning students will write about their friend Brantley in journals.
- *Our mini-lesson in reading will focus on reading passages and answering questions about characters, setting, problem, and solution.
- *Students will play a homophone game that incorporates spelling words.
- *Unit 4 Math Checking Progress Assessment and a Math Cumulative Assessment for Units 1-4
- *Students will work on holiday projects.

HOMEWORK:

- *Math homework ~ graphs
- *Spelling ~ crossword puzzle
- **Bring library books back tomorrow

Thursday - *Library Day*

- *Students will write a creative story about reindeer today.
- *Our mini-lesson in reading will focus on reading passages and answering questions about characters, setting, problem, and solution.
- *Students will continue to study and sort spelling words, along with review their meanings.
- *Today second graders will be taking a Mid-Year Math Assessment that reviews all of the skills studied so far this year.
- *Students will work on holiday projects.

**LIBRARY DAY ~ Books will be due weekly on Thursdays!

HOMEWORK:

- *Math homework ~ telling time
- *Study spelling words for tomorrow's Unit 11 test. Return spelling sort worksheet sent home on Monday.

Friday -

- *Brantley will share his Star of the Week items and classmates will share their journals about him.
- *Our mini-lesson in reading will focus on reading passages and answering questions about characters, setting, problem, and solution.
- *Spelling Test ~ Unit 11
- *Today second graders will continue to review math skills from Units 1-4 working on IXL and playing games.
- *Students will finish holiday projects and wrap them.

HOMEWORK:

- *Read 15-20 minutes to a person that makes you feel special! Remember to mark reading days on your December reading calendar.

A LOOK AHEAD:

- *December 23 ~ Last day of school before Christmas break
- *January 5 ~ School resumes
 - ~ December Book Goal Calendars due
- *January 12-16 ~ Caitlyn will be Star of the Week
- *January 16 ~ End of Second Quarter
- *January 19 ~ NO SCHOOL (Staff Development)
- *January 26 ~ NO SCHOOL (Solo Contest)