

OUR 2E CLASSROOM NEWS

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Upcoming Events

- 2/6-10/17 Iowa Assessments (See note about "Snacks"). >>>>>>
- 2/14/17 Valentine's Day (2:25-2:55)
- 2/20/17 No School--Staff Development
- 2/27/17 2nd Grade Music Concert in LV Gym @ 6:30pm
- 3/2/17 Book Fair Begins
LV PTO Meeting @ 7:00 pm

**Information on signing up to help furnish treats for our party went out Thursday.

Our Week of Learning

Reading/Word Work - This week we read The Great Ball Game. (Ask your child to explain to you the book's explanation as to why birds fly south for the winter.) Our reading strategy that we again practiced was identifying cause and effect. This week in Word Study we worked on the /ow/ sound, as in town and pout. We read and wrote many words having this pattern. We read short stories where these patterns were featured.

Math - The children worked with coins by solving word problems involving dollar bills and coins. We discovered that one of the best strategies for solving these problems is to draw a picture of the coins in order from greatest to least value. We ended the week beginning to tell time. (Having your child count change at home is a great way to practice money skills.)

Writing - We continue to share our opinion in our writing. Retelling a part of the story to help readers understand our opinions is different than retelling the whole story. The children also did a service project where they created Valentine cards to be sent to veterans.

Science - The children were so excited to find two butterflies in our butterfly habitat. See if your child can tell you the what the transformation is called as the caterpillar went into a chrysalis and then emerged as a butterfly. We have been looking for changes on the bodies of our milkweed bugs. Our darkling beetles are becoming a classroom favorite. The children have loved watching each insect as it progressed through its life cycle.

VALENTINES: Please have your child decorate a container to hold his/her valentine cards for our party. This can be a shoebox, cereal box, or some other creative container. Please keep it simple! Cards and containers can be brought into school on Feb. 13 or 14.

Special Note

*Note:

Next week 2nd Graders will be taking the Iowa Assessments. Please send two healthy snacks with your child on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

This week our class had to have a discussion about note-writing. We are having more and more incidences where students are anonymously writing "love" and "hate" notes to other students. Both types of notes are making students uncomfortable. We discussed how writing either kind of note should not be happening if it makes others uncomfortable. If your child has mentioned receiving either type of note, please let me know. I want our classroom to be a safe place for all students. Let me know if you have questions.

Specials

MON. DAY 5 ART

TUES. DAY 6 PE/SS

WED. DAY 1 MUSIC

THUR DAY 2 MEDIA

FRI. DAY 3 PE/SS

Please remind parents that valentines can NOT have candy attached to them.

Non-food items (pencils, tattoos, etc) are acceptable. As you may remember last year, this caused all kinds of concerns. *If a parent sends candy attached to the cards, they can not be passed out to the students* Also, if we have some parents that want to send a special goodie bag, only non-food items can be accepted.

