

Class Parent Newsletter



Ms. Chan's, Second Grade

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Classroom Motto: IF at first you don't succeed try, try, try, again

DID YOU KNOW? Serving healthy snacks to children is important to providing good nutrition, supporting lifelong healthy eating habits, and helping to prevent costly and potentially-disabling diseases, such as heart disease, cancer, diabetes, high blood pressure, and obesity. Snacks play a major and growing role in children's diets.* **If you would like to donate snacks to the classroom, items from the list below would be greatly appreciated.**

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| •Dried Fruit | •Fruit Leathers or Fruit Rolls – FruitaBu from Stretch Island Fruit Company | •Applesauce – unsweetened | •Granola & Cereal Bars |
| •Healthy Cereals with whole grains | | •Fruit Cups and Canned Fruit – in juice or light syrup | •Pudding – low or no fat |
| •Gold Fish | | •Pretzels – low or no salt | •100% Fruit Juice Box's |
| | | | •Low & No Fat Milk Box's |

*(Source: the Center for Science in the Public Interest)

Please Note Classroom Allergies: Nuts and Cinnamon



Upcoming Events

12/9 2nd Grade Music Trip - 92nd Street Y
3 Volunteers needed, request for volunteers to follow

12/10 Performance – International Festival of Song
Volunteers needed, please email
Yohvanni Kathriner at yohvanni@gmail.com
or call 646-246-7948 for more details

12/15 Library Trip – 2 Volunteers needed, see Ms. Chan

12/22 Fairytale Writing Celebration w/ Parents (more info to come!)

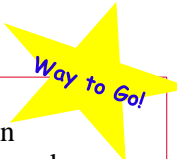
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Winter Recess – School Closed

1/4/10 Classes resume

- Please write your child's name in all their clothing.
- Book Baggies are to be returned each day, please do not keep at home.
- Please respect the books and help keep them in good condition.
- Reading for 25 minutes every night is always part of the homework.
- If you are missing the homework sheet for the week you can log onto www.voicecharterschool.org to view the assignments.
- Please remember the school uniform policy, black sneakers (no designs or colored stitching), boots may be worn to school but child must have their sneakers to change into, if your child wears earrings - studs only, sweaters with markings can not be worn in class. For the complete list of VCS uniform policy please refer to your student handbook or log on to the website.
- If you have not yet, please fill out and return the Information Form for Class Parents.
- No toys and No candy in the classroom, they will be taken away.

Disney Gumbo Contest was a class project based on the book "Grandma's Gumbo". All the children participating in cutting and adding the ingredients and creating the recipe for their recipe book. 2 Disney members and LEAP program supervisor tested amongst participating 2nd grade classes from our school and other schools and chose our school to be the winner. They worked well to create an Award winning class-family gumbo. Everyone was delighted and proud of all the teamwork they executed that day!



- Snacks & Drink box's
- Plastic spoons
- Filters for Britta water pitcher
- Clear packing tape
- 2 Electric pencil sharpeners

Unit of Study for Reading and Writing:

Writing: Fairytales. We will be reading traditional fairytales and writing adaptations of our own fairytales as a class and individually. At home: You can talk about the characteristics of fairytales; talking animals, once upon a time, make believe, princes, princesses, magic, fairy god mothers, happily ever after, evil characters, etc. If you have fairytales at home, we encourage you to read them with your child.

Reading: Getting through the hard parts of our books. Go through tricky word strategies with your child at home. When they get to a hard part, ask them: Does this make sense? Does this sound right? Does this look right?

GREAT NEWS!

Ms. Chan is in negotiations to get 2 computers for the classroom. Although the computers will be for access to online learning programs do have membership fees. If you are looking for the perfect Holiday for Ms. Chan, a small donation to the classroom for online learning programs would be greatly appreciated.

Information on how to donate to the classroom will follow this newsletter.

