

# Benson's Bits

Week 16

December 16-20, 2024

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~Maxx is Star of the Week~

**\*TEAMWORK PARTY** ~ Our class earned another TEAMWORK PARTY last week! We will celebrate this week. I AM PROUD OF YOU GRADE 2!

**\*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 this week's December 17<sup>th</sup> edition.

**\*DRESS UP DAYS** ~ All students and staff have been invited to participate in Winter Wonderland Week Dress Up Days. Feel free to join in the fun, but don't feel that you have to.

Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> - Holiday Pajamas

Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> - Grinch Green

Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> - Holiday Socks

Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> - Rudolph Red

Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> - Holiday Sweater

**\*GIVING PROJECT** ~ Each year the elementary staff chooses a GIVING PROJECT in lieu of exchanging gifts in our classrooms. We want to teach students to think of others who may not be as fortunate as they are. This year we would like to collect money to give to a family in our community that is facing significant medical expenses. We will be collecting donations through this Thursday December 19<sup>th</sup>. If you are able to contribute, elementary students can bring donations to their classroom teachers. High school students can bring their donations to the office. We are very blessed to live in such a caring community.

**READING GOALS** ~ New goals and calendars were sent home for the month of December. The December goal calendar is due Friday January 3.

\***SPELLING WORD LISTS** will be sent home on Mondays. The words will be tested on Fridays.

\***YEARBOOK ORDER FORM:** The deadline for purchasing a yearbook is January 31. The cost is \$50.

\***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.

**DAILY HOMEWORK** ~ Snuggle up and read 15-20 under a blanket with a flashlight.

## **Monday -**

\*Second graders wrote about their weekends using sequence words.

\*Our mini-lesson in reading focused on identifying characters, setting, problem, and solution in text.

\*Spelling words were introduced by students sorting *oi* and *oy* into two categories. They also played a game to review meanings of each.

\*We started a new math unit that reviews addition and subtraction. Today students played the game Beat the Calculator to develop fact power by using mental strategies to add two 1-digit numbers.

\*Second graders read a Scholastic News about the Penguin Post Office.

## **HOMEWORK:**

\*Spelling words sent home (Week 12). 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.

\*Unit 5 Parent Letter sent home ~ please keep for reference.

\*Math Home Link 5.1

## Tuesday -

- \*Students will edit the journal about their weekend and share with classmates.
- \*Our mini-lesson in reading will focus on identifying characters, setting, problem, and solution in text.
- \*Students will blend sounds to read words, and practice reading and writing words with the *oi* and *oy* spelling patterns.
- \*Second graders will review coin equivalencies and make different combinations of coins for the same amount of money.
- \*Students will work on holiday math and reading/language activities.
- \*Second graders will continue to work on their Christmas Projects for parents this afternoon.

## HOMEWORK

- \*Spelling unscramble
- \*Math homework ~ money

## Wednesday - *EARLY OUT (1:45 p.m.)*

- \*This morning students will write about their friend Maxx in journals.
- \*Our mini-lesson in reading will focus on identifying characters, setting, problem, and solution in text.
- \*Students will play a synonym game that incorporates spelling words and discusses their meanings.
- \*Today in math second graders will find coin combinations to pay for items and make change by counting up.

## HOMEWORK

- \*Spelling crossword puzzle
- \*Math Home Link 5.3

\*If you plan on donating to our Christmas giving project, the deadline is tomorrow. Thank you to those who have already donated. You are very generous!

## Thursday - *GIVING DONATION deadline*

- \*Maxx will share his Star of the Week items and classmates will share their journals about him.
- \*We will play a game with Christmas vocabulary words during reading today.
- \*Students will continue to study and sort spelling words, along with review their meanings.
- \*Second graders will make purchases and practice making change during math.
- \*Students will work on holiday math and reading/language activities.
- \*Second graders will wrap their Christmas Projects for parents this afternoon and they will be sent home.

## HOMWORK

\*Study spelling words for tomorrow's Unit 12 test. Return spelling sort worksheet sent home on Monday.

\*\*Bring library books back tomorrow

## Friday - *Library Day*

\*Our day will be filled with HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES including a special story, an elementary sing-a-long, holiday games, a movie, and a few treats.

\*\*LIBRARY DAY ~ Books will be due weekly on Fridays!

## HOMWORK:

\*Have a very Merry Christmas. See you in 2025! Thanks for an awesome 2024!

\*Read, ReAD, READ!!

## A LOOK AHEAD:

- \*January 2 ~ School resumes
- \*January 3 ~ December Book Goal Calendars due
- \*January 6-10 ~ Gemma will be Star of the Week
- \*January 13-17 ~ Mara will be Star of the Week
- \*January 15 ~ EARLY OUT (1:45 p.m.)
- \*January 20 ~ NO SCHOOL (Staff Development)

**\*January 27-31 ~ Brynlee will be Star of the Week**