

# What's New In Grade 2

## Literacy News

Monday March 1, 2010

### Focus on Genre

This week we will be focusing on biographies. We will be reading and discussing biographies of influential Americans and student will begin a biography of their own.

### Focus on Reading Skills

#### Phonics:

- -r controlled vowels (-ar, -or, -er)
- Word Endings: -ture, -tion

#### Comprehension:

- Evaluate
- Understanding a Biography
- Visualizing
- Rereading for understanding

#### Grammar:

- Nouns and Pronouns



### Writer's Workshop

During reading month we will also be continuing our study of the writing traits. We will write several pieces based on Dr. Seuss books.

### Reading Month

March is reading month. Our goal is that each child read at least 25 books during the month of March. Please see the note attached to this week's newsletter for our Read Across America reading activities.

### Weekly Homework

*Our Presidential Past* is an article about George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Please read through the article the first time to your child, then with/shared reading, and the third reading should be by your child to you. Please complete the "Write About It" section on the back of the fact file page.

### Weekly Reading Homework Due

Friday, March 5



### Spelling Test

Friday, March 5

Spelling Words		HFW
LIST A	LIST B	
born	horse	today
core	forest	would
short	forty	afraid
morning	court	could
fork	force	about
four	chore	beautiful
horn	floor	believe
sport	smores	friend
torn	stork	near
sort	report	surprised
snore	shore	watch
fort	important	write
more	picture	years
store	information	board
		told
		listen