



## Academic Update 11-28-16



### Homework Planner

#### Important Dates:

- 11/28 Library Day-we will return library books and get a new book today!
- 11/28-Star of the Week-Fabiana
- **11/29 Family member interview is due today**
- 12/8 Family Writing Night & Stars Parent Night
- **NEW PLAY DATE: Tuesday, December 20th-Class play (9:30am and 1:45pm) (Yes, we had to change it again....sorry for the inconvenience!!!) This is for Mrs. Torres and Mrs. Barriente's class.**
- 12/22- 1/2 Winter Break

#### Randoms:

- Our Classroom Representative is Yvette Barragan. We are grateful to have her help! She will be your liaison between our class and the school, attending parent meetings. You can reach her with any questions, donations, concerns at: laangeleyes88@yahoo.com
- A Family Member Interview project went home before break *and is due on Tuesday, November 29th*
- Thank you for joining and supporting our Thanksgiving feast! Thank you to the Belaski family for donating our delicious feast and for all the parents who donated or helped to make this a happy celebration!! Here is a link to the photos I took on that special day. [Click Me](#). Please feel free to add any photos to this album if you have any from the feast.
- Please let me know if your child will not be in school on Tuesday, December 20th as that is the new date of our class play!!
- **We have entered into the holiday season. Please let me know if your child has any holiday related activity restrictions.**
- I will be sending home a new Scholastic book order this week. Most students are doing an amazing job with the 70 book challenge. This is an inexpensive way to get some presents and to continue to motivate your child with our book challenge. If you place an order and you want it to be a secret, please email me and I will get the books to you without your child knowing.
- At the end of the month, we will have a winter class celebration and we will have my yearly White Elephant book gift exchange. I'm letting you know now in case you want to order a book for this activity in this December order. **Last day to order will be MONDAY, DECEMBER 5TH.**

## Academics

**Theme/Social Studies:** Students will continue our play “We Come From Everywhere”, which we perform with Mrs. Barriente’s class! We will share our interviews about our relatives and then begin our new unit entitled, “Changes to the Earth”. Students will be exploring about how the earth changes with our science curriculum Project Lead the Way, which is an inquiry based program! We will begin with some map skills, including identifying major bodies of water around the world.

**Math:** We will spend a couple of days reviewing subtraction and preparing for our chapter test. Your support at home in reinforcing the steps of subtraction and basic subtraction fluency will benefit your child. Click [HERE](#) for updated math lessons. Also, click [HERE](#) for a video on breaking apart numbers to subtract.

**Writing:** Students will write a friendly letter to Fabiana who is our star this week. They will also spend time this week writing about family traditions and reflecting on the interview they completed over the break.

## OLDER INFORMATION:

### Important Links

[Mystery Reader](#)

[Star of the week schedule](#)

[BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT PRESENTATION](#)

[Second Grade Website](#)

[Shining Bright in Second Grade Blog](#)

[Mrs. Torres Second Grade Stars FB page](#)

**Twitter** ~ Follow: [@mrsjulietorres](#)

[Scholastic Book Orders](#)

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**Pick up and Changes-**Please send all dismissal change emails to Cindy [chelmsin@natomascharter.org](mailto:chelmsin@natomascharter.org). After our wireless is working, please cc Cindy on dismissal changes/absences as I am not able to regularly check my emails throughout the day.

Last year we had over 200 students. This year, we are close to 600 so it will take more time to drive through the line to pick up your child. It’s important that you PULL ALL THE WAY FORWARD when being directed. To reduce the time, please park your car and walk over to where our class lines up. Please be sure your 2nd grader says goodbye to me before leaving with you.

**Home/School Journal Connection:** The purpose of this journal is for your child to communicate with you about his/her week in 2nd grade. They might write what excites them, or challenges, or general things about friends. This writing is not intended to be perfect....you will likely see mistakes. *Please do not correct your child’s writing.* I want your 2nd grader to feel free to write and make mistakes. Writing is a process and I’m teaching students that writers don’t write perfectly the first time. We edit and revise and then sometimes we publish. Over time, you will see the growth your child is making in writing.