

December 7, 2018

Dear Second Grade Families,

As you all know, the first trimester has officially ended here at Willow Creek and you will find your student's report card attached. The report card the school uses is aligned to the common core standards and we wanted to give you a quick guide on how to read the report card. Let us begin by explaining the grading system. Students are given a grade between 1 and 4 in each subject area. If a student receives a 1, they have shown little or no ability within that area. In order for a student to receive a 4, they need to be able to show that they have a complete understanding of that area. We do not give out 4s easily, as the students need to go above and beyond what we are doing in class. Students who receive a 2 need to work a little harder within that area of the curriculum and students who receive a 3 are on grade level at this point in the year.

Each trimester we grade the individual areas based off of different benchmarks. From trimester to trimester we build on the skills that we are learning and expect the students to keep up with each new skill. This means that just because they received a 3 this trimester, they may not receive a 3 or 4 next trimester unless they continue to grow within that area. NA means that the standard was not covered during the trimester.

We have gotten the wheels rolling on our take home book bag program! Every week on Monday your student will take home a bag of books from our school's Leveled Library. On Friday we would like for the book bag to be returned along with your student's reading log. Each time your child returns their book bag they earn a sticker on our Book Bag Reading Program chart. Once they earn 5 stickers they will get to have "Lunch with Friends." This is where they get to sit outside for lunch that day and eat with a group of other students then they get to play afterwards while everyone else eats in the MPR for lunch. It is a lot of fun! If the book bag that was given to a student is not returned to us, we cannot send home another bag of books until the previous books have been brought back. We have offered this opportunity to every child in second grade but it is not a requirement, only an incentive! The goal is to have your child read these books aloud to someone everyday so they are getting

help with tricky words, practicing using intonation and working on fluency. Happy Reading!

Our last day of school before the winter break will be Friday, December 21. Both 2nd Grade classes will have parties in their classrooms starting right after morning assembly at 8:30 AM until 9:30 AM. You do not need to bring any snacks; the teachers will take care of that! We welcome all parents/family members to join us if they are able too. We will send out another reminder next week.

Have a great weekend!

Miss Jackson, Miss Browning and Miss Melissa

