Dear Families,

February 3 – 7, 2020

In addition to being our art history month, February also includes African American History Month, Valentine’s/Friendship Day, President’s Day, Dental Health Month, and our annual Read-A-Thon! The theme this year is Olympic – “Be a Champion Reader – Read for the GOLD!” We’re very excited for the Read-A-Thon to start. Please look for information coming home Thursday or Friday.

It was a great parade on Friday to celebrate the Year of the Rat. Thanks to all who could make it. The students and teachers really appreciate the older kids’ enthusiasm, the younger kids’ wide eyes and the adult support!

Next week on the 14th we’ll have time for a small Friendship party, at which we can show our care for each other. If your child would like to bring a card, please make sure there is one for each child. See below.

We begin Unit 7 in math this week. In this unit, children explore number patterns to reinforce counting skills and develop readiness for algebraic thinking, multiplication and division. There are three main areas of focus: To describe patterns that result from skip counting, to build mental arithmetic skills, and to make frequency tables, line plots and bar graphs from real-life data.

After a break for Lunar New Year learning, we are back into Realistic Fiction for Writer’s Workshop, and are reading a variety of books as models and to generate ideas for writing our own stories.

**General Information:**

- Specialists: PE, S, M, AI, PE
- 2/3 ACCESS Testing for all Multi-Language Learners in Minnesota begins
- 2/6 Read-A-Thon Kickoff
- 2/6 - 17 Read-A-Thon!!!
- 2/10 NAAPID Visitors welcome any time and/or for lunch 11:40 – 12:10
- 2/10 - 14 Artist in Residence Christian Adeti **Our time is 9:35-10:30**
- 2/12 Public Library 12:30 Volunteers are needed
- 2/12 West African Dance Share with Mr. Adeti 1:00 Multi
- 2/27 Ordway Theater "HerBeat Taiko Women Allstars"
- 2/28 Reading Celebration 12:45
- 3/2 Science Fair Volunteers Needed 12:20 – 1:50 and 6:30 – 7:45
- 2nd grade website: [https://www.spps.org/domain/237](https://www.spps.org/domain/237)

Best, Ms. Lee

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**Friendship Day February 14**

Class list: Mohamed, Charlie, Miles, Trinity, Javi, Chaske, Calvin, Ciaran, Freya, Maggie, Harper, Eden, Hassen, Frances, Eloise, MaKenzie, Atharv, Seowoo, Quinn, Abdifatah, KaYoon, Ben, Charlotte, and Bella.