



January 7, 2009

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome to the second half of second grade! It is hard to believe that half of year has flown by. We are gearing up for a busy month and I just wanted to keep you informed about our areas of study and focus.

Math

Time telling

(first to half hour, then to five minutes, elapsed time will be introduced)

Science

Weather, water cycle

Social Studies

Martin Luther King, map skills using grids, timelines

Language Arts

This week we will begin reading stories about puppets and putting on plays with dialogue. Students will focus on sequencing events. We will also be taking our first **SRI** (*Scholastic Reading Inventory*) in the computer lab on Friday.

Later this month, the children will create their own puppets, scenery, and write their own original scripts. We hope to have a few short puppet shows to present to you sometime in February. (I'll need volunteers to help us type the scripts and help with the crafting of puppets.)

I'll be attaching a January "Book It" goal. Our goal will be between 5-8 books depending on the book's length. Please encourage the children to continue their daily reading practice. It really does make a difference.

Please remember to complete the parent survey available at:

www.dodea.edu

Return the blue slip that was sent home earlier. The classroom with the highest participation wins an ice cream party.

Deployed Single Soldiers' Valentines- If you could share some addresses of deployed soldiers, we sure would appreciate it. Our pen pals from Connecticut would like to start a school wide Valentine project. I'll be glad to pass along these addresses.

Thank you for all of your continued support.