



# Classroom News

*Mrs. Berger*  
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## Reading

We all did some research and wrote reports about different women in history. Children had to look in their books and retrieve information, then fill out a report form. Then they drew a portrait. They are proudly displayed outside our room! We combined Language Arts and Social Studies in this project!

This week we will work on our ELA kits. 1<sup>st</sup> Graders will focus on the theme of Friendship and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will focus on the theme of Solving Problems. Our ELA kits cover a variety of areas in Language Arts; students explore what a theme is, learn how to answer comprehension questions, and write about the theme. We do these as a class so children can ask questions and we work through our kits.

Fudge a Mania is keeping us entertained! I know that many of your children are reading along at home- keep it up!

## Writing

Our small moment(s) drafts are done! Now we are going to take some time to discuss revising and editing and re-work our drafts so that they are ready to be published.

## Handwriting

Please practice handwriting with your child. Have them write lists for you or anything else you need written. First graders are continuing to practice their printing while second graders are learning cursive. Handwriting skills are extremely important!

## Spelling

Spelling words come home each Monday and the test is on Friday. We expect students to carry over the skills they have learned in spelling to all subjects in school.

## Quality!

Our "Q" for Quality Board is growing! When students are completing quality work, their work will go on our classroom "Q" for Quality Board. They will also have their names put into our Good Job Box for a drawing on Friday. I have been emphasizing to students that they should take their time and all work should be their best; attention should be paid to handwriting, spelling, and presentation. As 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders, they are capable of producing quality work they should be proud of. Please discuss this with your child.

### Other Important Information

***March is Reading Month logs are due each Monday- please make sure they are here! Late logs will not be accepted. Children will earn a coconut for each log completed and returned! We want our tree to be full of coconuts!***

Please remember to look at your child's planner nightly and then sign and return on Monday.

Please return Friday Folders on Monday morning. The contents should be emptied and they should be signed before they are returned.

Homework packets are due on Friday.

Dress tropical on Thursdays in March! That is when we will be meeting with our reading buddies in Mrs. Martin's class for March is Reading Month! They should also bring a favorite book to school to share with their buddy.

We are running low on tissue- again! If you have not sent a box, please help out our class! 😊

Baked good donations are being accepted for the Moms to Moms sale on March 20. Please bring baked goods to the office on March 19. Thank you!

### Calendar

March 17- Green Bagel Sale! Bagels will be \$1.00 and cream cheese is \$.50

March 19- Boys Sports Night, 6:00

March 20- Moms to Moms sale, 9:00-1:00

March 24- Talent Show rehearsal, 3:45-5:45

March 26- Talent Show, 7:00 PM, Gym

April 1- School Luau

April 2-9 – Spring Break/ No school