

Dear 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Families,

I hope you had a wonderful vacation with your family. It was nice to see the sunshine and warm weather last weekend! I'm hoping for more days like that in the upcoming weeks.

Notes and Reminders...

1. Please make sure to continue to send proper winter gear. Even though the sun might be shining, it still can be a bit chilly and hats and gloves might be needed.
2. Please check your child's VIP binder for their most recent NWEA test results. You might notice a slight drop in your child's RIT score. This is due in part because this year the test was not read to the students. They had to independently read the questions versus last year when the test was read to them.
3. March is Reading month is right around the corner. During March is Reading Month we have a host of activities geared towards promoting a love of reading for children. If your child does not have a public library card, please ensure that they obtain one. Also, I would like to invite anyone interested in being a mystery read to read to our class 12:10-12:25. Please click on the following link to volunteer. **Do not tell your child which day you are coming. It is a surprise.**

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080544AEAA22A75-whitfields](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080544AEAA22A75-whitfields)

Homework

\*Each 2<sup>nd</sup> Grader should be reading for 20 minutes every night.

\*New word sorts are being sent home today. Homework is due back to the classroom on March 4<sup>th</sup>.

This week in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade...

In Reading: We are turning our focus to non-fiction text features (table of contents, glossary, index, caption and diagram). Students will use these text features to help them have a better understanding of non-fiction books.

In writing: We are beginning our unit on opinion writing. Students will use a topic sentence to name their opinion on something and give reason and evidence to support their opinion.

In social studies: We will continue to learn about black history month.

Have a great week!