Second Grade News

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| The new year is off to a great start! We are right back into our normal routine. We will be working on composing tens when we add and decomposing tens when we subtract. Keep working on those basic addition and subtraction facts at home! |
| I have noticed that a few children in our class do not know how to tie their shoes. Please practice this skill with your child.  |
| The spelling words for next week are under, over, open close, minus, subtract, road, street, they, very. Our test will be on Friday, January 11th.  |
| Important dates-January 21- No school- Martin Luther King Jr. DayJanuary 25- Panther Pride Day- wear your school colorsJanuary 28- No school- Teacher Conference Day |
| Go to <http://sites.gstboces.org/sve2ndgrade/ms-strong/> to see photos of our class and recent newsletters. |
| In the next week or so I will be introducing cursive writing to the class. The beauty of learning cursive is that the students do not have any bad habits to break. It is all new so I am able to teach the correct formation of each letter. It would be very helpful to me if you did **not** show your child how to write in cursive at home. Once they form a habit of writing a letter a certain way, it is hard to break that habit. I will be sending home a chart that shows how we form the letters and I will let you know which letters we have learned. |
| Reading Log- Like any other skill, becoming a good reader requires a lot of practice. Second graders are expected to read at least 15- 20 minutes each night. Please use the chart below to record your child’s reading during the week and return it to me when completed. Thank you.

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| Date | Jan 5 | Jan 6 | Jan 7 | Jan 8 | Jan 9 | Jan 10 | Jan 11 |
| Minutes Read |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Child’s Name Parent’s Signature |