



Grade 2 2019-2020

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Our Writing is Improving Every Day!

We have been working very hard on our writing. Every day we are practicing using our 2-paragraph planning sheets to plan our writing. We understand how to write paragraphs that include a main idea and supporting details. We know that our paragraphs need to remain on topic and that they begin with a topic sentence, include some details, and end with a concluding sentence.

In December, we will continue with writing an informative writing piece about a season of our choice. We will use our 2-paragraph planning sheets to plan and organize our writing.

It's All Adding Up!!

In December we will be continuing to focus on addition facts and strategies. We will be doing 2-digit addition, with and without regrouping. For example, we will be able to answer these kinds of addition and subtraction questions using many different strategies:

$$\begin{array}{r} 58 \\ + 17 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 75 \\ + 18 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 64 \\ + 68 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

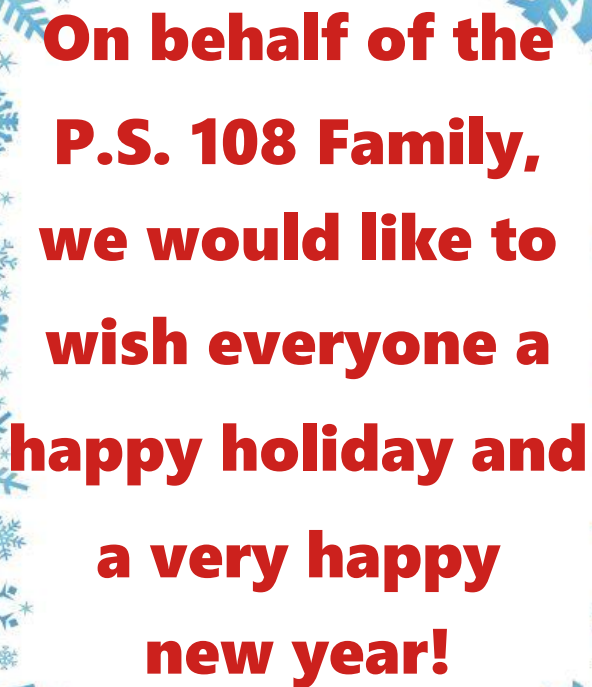
We will continue to emphasize the importance of place value, as it is a building block of addition and subtraction with 2-digit numbers.

You can find some fun adding and subtracting games on the website,

www.xtramath.com

Happy New Year!

Please remember that there will be **NO SCHOOL** for the Winter Recess starting **Monday, December 23rd**. We will return to school on **Thursday, January 2nd**. We hope everyone enjoys the time off with family and friends!



**On behalf of the
P.S. 108 Family,
we would like to
wish everyone a
happy holiday and
a very happy
new year!**

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Extra! Extra! Read All About It

This month in **Literacy** we will continue focusing on analyzing characters in fiction stories and making inferences about them. We can do this by thinking about how a character reacts to an important event in the text.

In **Literacy**, we will also be focusing on **making text connections**. A text to self connection is a connection made between a book and your life, feelings, or experiences. You can support your child at home by asking if anything in the book they are reading has ever happened to them before. Then, have a discussion about how their feelings or experience was similar to what happened in the book.

Our **Spelling Words** this month will focus on words that contain **initial blends**, such as **bl, gl, dr, and sn**, and **final blends** endings, such as **-ct, -ft, -pt, and -nt**.



Technology at Home

Please make sure you are utilizing the websites that have been suggested by your child's teachers. Helpful websites:

-www.myon.com

-www.xtramath.com

-www.prodigygame.com

This month's Character Education focus is: **Compassion**
The holiday season is always a great time to show extra compassion for others! This means having concern or sympathy for those that are not as fortunate as we are.



Important Dates

**Math Chapter 4 Test:
December 19th**

**Science Unit 2 Tests:
December 20th**

**Winter Recess
(No School)
Dec. 23- Jan. 1st**