

Room 19 Newsletter 2-22-10

Please look at Bowman's website for more information that includes the lunch menu, Grade 2 curriculum, homework, this newsletter and school events.

Science: Discuss some skills about Changes that we have been working on:

- ___ I can describe some common changes that occur in the physical world around us.
- ___ I can recognize that some changes happen quickly, and others take place over a period of time.
- ___ I can identify three states of matter (gas, liquid, and solid) according to properties.
- ___ I can describe how water can be changed from one state to another by adding or taking away heat.
- ___ I can demonstrate that liquid water can freeze into a solid and then melt into a liquid again; and, can also evaporate into a gas and then condense into a liquid again; this can happen over and over (cycle).
- ___ I can investigate mixtures of solids and liquids.

Social Studies: Reminder: Our next unit is for students to learn about the cultures, the traditional food (without students tasting it), customs, sports, games and music of the place from which their parents, guardians, grandparents, or other relatives or ancestors came from. This includes well-known sites, events or landmarks. Please email me to sign up to come in and talk to the class for any amount of time!

Word Work: We continue vocabulary wordbooks. This week's entries will be solid, liquid, gas, condense, evaporate, dissolve, mixture, state, properties matter, physical (world).... JUST 4 at a time!

Writer's/Reader's Workshop: Ms. Aikenhead will be coming into the room to assist with reading groups. We will be looking at why we choose books and the powerful words or phrases in them. Do you think we can use some of it to improve our writing? Can you look for them at home?

Math: This week we will be measuring to the nearest inch and centimeter and plotting data on a bar graph. Mrs. FitzGerald and I have just completed "Math Interviews" that ask students mental math problems, about place value, making change, identifying patterns on a number grid and using symbols correctly in math sentences.

COMING EVENTS (Also Consult the Broadside and Bowman's Website for details):

Bowman's Science Fair is Wednesday March 10 at 6:30 PM. Students will have a chance to design and perform a small science experiment at their home and then share it with others at school. See the science fair website at <http://256.com/bsf>

BINGO NIGHT: March 12

Bowman's Social and Fundraiser: "Bowman in Bloom, " Saturday May 1, 7-10pm

SPRING PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES: Will be held the weeks of March 15 and March 22. March 17 and March 24 are half days.

Please feel free to contact me and change your conference time if you need to. I have already made some changes. I will confirm times at the end of this week.

During this spring conference we will discuss current assessments and your child's progress towards grade level expectations. Please email or write if you have a focus question for our time together.