

## January/~~February~~ 2012

Happy New Year! We hope that everyone had a relaxing winter break and returned to school ready to get back to work! The month of January was spent continuing work on focus skills, such as identifying main idea and details, summarizing, and sequencing information from various types of text. In math, students reviewed different methods of multiplication and division and began learning how to measure angles using both full and half-circle protractors. At the end of the month, the students will be taking their second round of Predictive tests. Results will be posted outside our door and sent home with students! One of the most exciting events of the month was the start of literacy blogging! Hopefully our trial blogging experience will work well and we will be able to share our work with any parents interested. More info on that to come!

During the month of February, shared reading stories will include two folktales and a play. We will be comparing and contrasting characters and stories, writing the main ideas and details of passages read, as well as our own informational stories, and sequencing after reading independently. In math, we will begin work with fractions, decimals, and ordered pairs, as well as perimeter and area.

On February 22, 2012, our class will be going on a class trip to Adventure Aquarium in Camden, NJ. Please remember to send back BOTH the permission slip and emergency contact form with the money for attendance. Students have been notified that anyone earning more than six "B"s or "H"s on the behavior chart will not be joining us. Money will be refunded and those students will stay in another classroom and complete assignments provided to them.

### IMPORTANT DATES:

Feb. 14: Valentine's Day celebration at school

Feb. 15, 16, and 17: Report Card Conferences

Feb. 20: President's Day-NO SCHOOL

Feb. 22: Field Trip

