

December 2006 Mrs. Naylor

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"Egg-citing" things are hatching in Second Grade!

In the above picture you can see Quackers hatching right before the students' eyes. Dear Parents.

What an exciting time of the school year! If you haven't heard yet, our chicks hatched! We named them Quackers, Squirmy, Tempy, and Cuddles. It has been an incredible learning experience for us all to watch the embryos grow from a tiny beating heart to a fully developed, healthy baby chick. Speaking of excitement... It's almost time for Christmas! It's so delightful to witness the thrill of the holidays through a child's eyes. I hope you all have a wonderful, family filled holiday season!

Here's an update on the topics we will cover in the upcoming weeks of school.

<u>Reading/Language Arts:</u> We will continue small reading groups, and our center stations will focus on antonyms, synonyms, contractions, and reading comprehension.

<u>Spelling:</u> We will continue to use the Rebecca Sitton spelling program. The students will learn approximately 4 new words each week and then do activities with each word.

<u>Math:</u> We will continue to study Chapter 4 on Money. You can help your child at home by having them count different combinations of coins for extra practice. We will also continue to do our daily "Rocketship Math" which helps us practice addition and subtraction facts as well as our daily math journals.

 $\underline{\textit{Social Studies:}} \ \ \text{We will be studying Christmas traditions of other countries around the world.}$

Upcoming Events/Important Dates:

- -The written component of the Christmas Project is due on Monday, December 11th. Presentations will be held on December 12th -18th.
- Our Christmas program will be on December 15th at 2:00. Hope to see you there!
- The Christmas party will be on Thursday, Dec. 21st.
- The students will be dismissed early on Friday, Dec. 22nd at 12:00.

Please feel free to call me at the school, send me an email, or write me a note if you have any questions.