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**Ms. Dunn’s Second Grade Scholars**

**Class News \_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Date reminders:**

Nov. 27-28: No school

Dec. 3-19: Food drive

Dec. 9: Winter program @ River Center

Dec. 19: December birthdays celebration

Dec. 22- Jan. 2: Winter break

**11-26-14**

**Teacher Message:**

First off, I apologize for Tuesday folders coming home on Wednesday this week. I was not at school on Tuesday and wasn’t able to get the students the things they needed for the Tuesday folders.

Over the weekend, an extremely close family friend of mine passed away. I thought I was okay to come to school on Monday, but it was hard to come back to school, so the students had a substitute on Tuesday. The good news is that I am back now! I had to explain to the students what was going on so they knew that they were not the reason that I was upset, some of them were pretty emotional too and all of them were extremely sympathetic and caring when I shared this with them. I am glad that we have such a caring class.

On a brighter note, I have made a class website! It is up and ready to be viewed! This is just another way of me trying to connect with you and give families another resource! On the website, you will see our weekly newsletters, contact information, some fun educational websites for students, and any other fun news!

You can find our website at: <http://melissadunn2.weebly.com/>

It is also in a link on my staff webpage!

**Math:**

We are back on track with our math curriculum! As many of you might recall from conferences, we took a break to work on addition and subtraction for a few days. The good news is, we are back to our curriculum, and the lessons we are working on now are adding and subtracting mentally. The students are doing great! We are breaking down problems like 34 + 20 as being the same as 34 + 2 tens. The students are learning to add the tens place and see that the ones place doesn’t change. They are doing well with this, I am excited to keep moving forward with them!

**Reading / Language Arts:**

Next week, we will be starting a story called *Jamaica Louise James*. While reading, we will be talking about the author’s purpose. After reading, we will be talking about why the author wrote the story, and what they want the reader to take away from the story. It should be a fun and interesting week!

**Science / Social Studies:**

Due to the fact that it is a short week, and I was out of the classroom on Tuesday, we have not done science or social studies this week. We have focused on writing opinion pieces in the afternoon. The students started a piece on Monday and should have finished it on Tuesday! We will begin again with science and social studies next week!

**Spelling Words:**

No spelling words this week! Since we have had a weird month with our days at school in November, the students are taking their spelling test right before break, then will not have spelling over the break! We will begin spelling again when we get back to school on Monday!