



Snowden Farm Elementary

What's the Scoop?

"Monthly News"

January 2024



Dates to Remember:

January 2 - Holiday: School Closed for Staff and Students

January 3 - Classes Resume

January 15- No school for Staff and Students

January 29- No School for Students; Professional Day for Teachers

January Birthdays

We would like to say Happy Birthday to all of our amazing second graders who will celebrate a birthday during the month of January:

Happy Birthday

Swope

Nabeel 1

Grayson 21

Evaan 25

Syed

Antonio 18

Chaitra 21

Up Next:

Math: We will be finishing module 4 and beginning module 5.

In Module 4, students developed addition and subtraction fluency within 100 and began developing conceptual understanding of the standard algorithm via place value strategies. In Module 5, students build upon their mastery of renaming place value units and extend their work with conceptual understanding of addition and subtraction algorithms to numbers within 1,000, always with the option of modeling with materials or drawings. Throughout the module, students continue to focus on strengthening and deepening conceptual understanding and fluency.

Reading: We are currently on Unit 4. Unit 5 will start at the end of January.

Unit 4: Many Characters, Many Points of View

In this unit, students will describe how characters respond to major events and challenges. We will also focus on comparing and contrasting two folktales.

Unit 5: Solving Problems Through Technology

In this unit, students read and compare selections about technology, innovations, and innovative thinkers and analyze the role technology plays in society.

Writing: Students will write to express an opinion on a given topic with supporting details. Students will engage in the writing process to revise previously written work. With teacher support, they will edit spelling, grammar, and structure to compose and publish multiple paragraphs. Students will learn to embed phonics and conventions of English into their writing. We will

Kerr
Devansh 3
Jian 20

Pineau
Ms. Ash-1

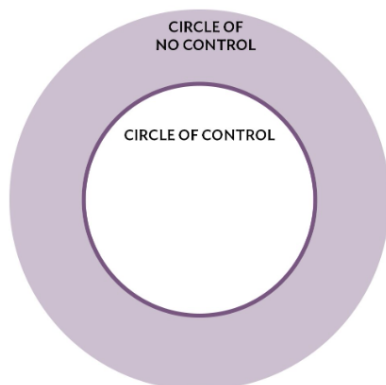
Warwick
Naima 8
Arjun 23

Leader in Me®

This month, we are working on the leadership skills of Circle of Control.

Leaders will be able to identify the power of focusing on their Circle of Control using examples and scenarios from their own lives. We are learning that while we cannot control everything, we can control our words and actions.

Ask your child: What are some self-regulation strategies you can use in your Circle of Control?



focus on using adjectives correctly and the use of contractions. This writing project will begin in January and will be continued into the month of February.

Phonics: With our HD Words lessons, we will be focusing on r-controlled vowels with spellings of /er/: or, ar. We will review all r-controlled spellings. We will also be focusing on reading words with spellings of /oo/ as in ooze. Words will include letters such as, oo, u, u_e, ew.

Social Studies: The Social Studies Unit for Marking Period 2 is complete. Please stay tuned for our February newsletter to receive the upcoming Social Studies lessons for Marking Period 3.

Science: Students begin the unit by exploring landforms in a virtual field trip, and then navigate a virtual island. Students develop a deeper understanding of water bodies on Earth through analysis of multiple sources. Students design their own island that includes seven landform or water features, and draw a two dimensional model with labels. Students explore changes to the Earth's surface, and use a variety of print sources to make a claim as to whether Earth events occur quickly or slowly. They extend this understanding of different rates of change to Earth's surface through an investigation of earthquakes. As a culminating activity, students will create a model of a structure that is able to block a house from wind.

Health: Students will demonstrate and model appropriate preparation for and responses to emergency situations.

Classroom Announcements:

- Please make sure your child has warm clothing/coat for recess.
- Please remember to check and sign your student's Communication Log when it is sent home every three weeks.
- Please check your child's Thursday folder for their papers.
- Please make sure to send in a note or email when there is any change in dismissal.

Classroom donations: We will welcome indoor recess games, pencils, clorox wipes and tissues. Thank you in advance for your support!