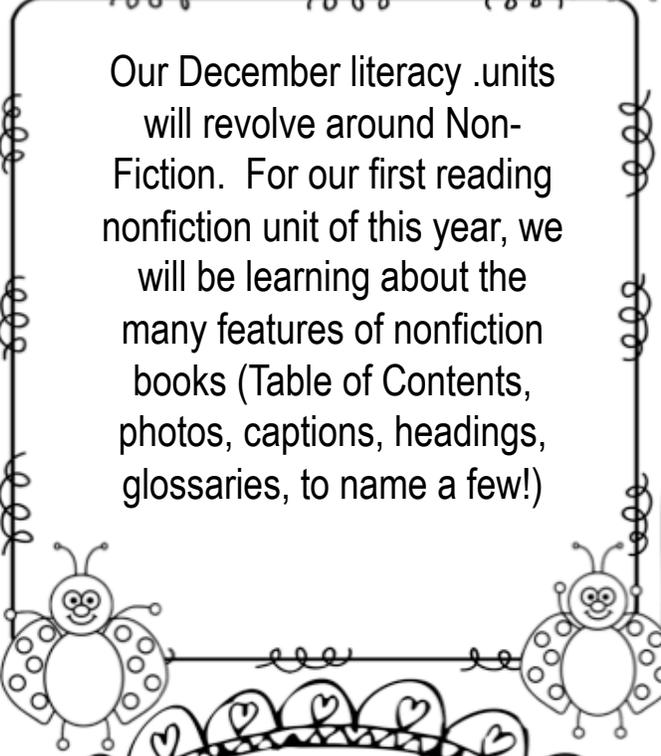
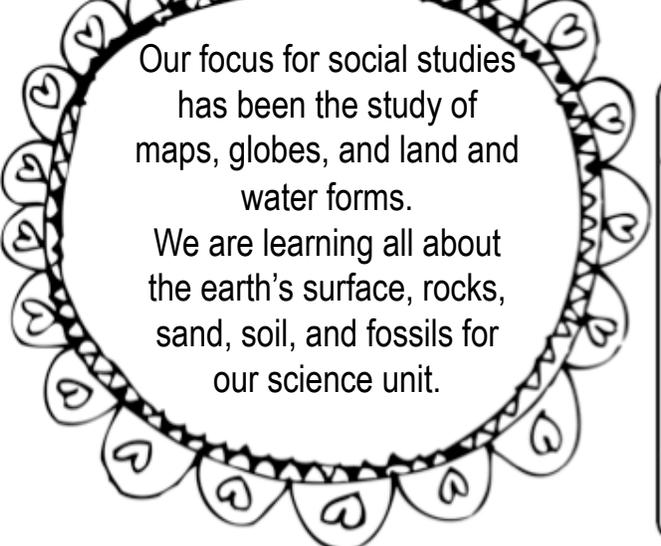


We'd like to take this opportunity to wish all of our second grade families and very Happy Holiday Season and a Happy and Healthy 2015!



Our December literacy units will revolve around Non-Fiction. For our first reading nonfiction unit of this year, we will be learning about the many features of nonfiction books (Table of Contents, photos, captions, headings, glossaries, to name a few!)

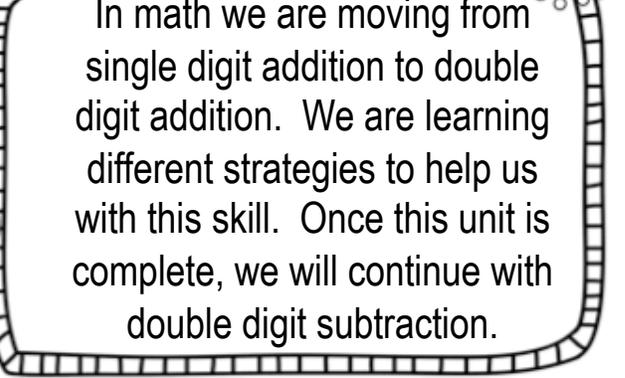


Our focus for social studies has been the study of maps, globes, and land and water forms.

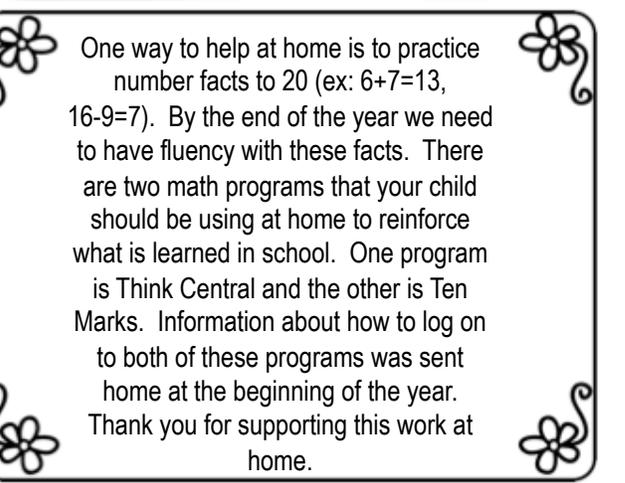
We are learning all about the earth's surface, rocks, sand, soil, and fossils for our science unit.



In writing, we will get our start in writing nonfiction by authoring a book about an area we feel we are experts in, something we feel we know a lot about. This could range from "dogs" to "being a big brother" to "hairstyles" to "soccer". At the end of this unit we will be sharing our expertise with others. Parents will be invited to share in this amazing celebration with our knowledgeable authors. Be on the lookout for an invitation!



In math we are moving from single digit addition to double digit addition. We are learning different strategies to help us with this skill. Once this unit is complete, we will continue with double digit subtraction.



One way to help at home is to practice number facts to 20 (ex: $6+7=13$, $16-9=7$). By the end of the year we need to have fluency with these facts. There are two math programs that your child should be using at home to reinforce what is learned in school. One program is Think Central and the other is Ten Marks. Information about how to log on to both of these programs was sent home at the beginning of the year. Thank you for supporting this work at home.