

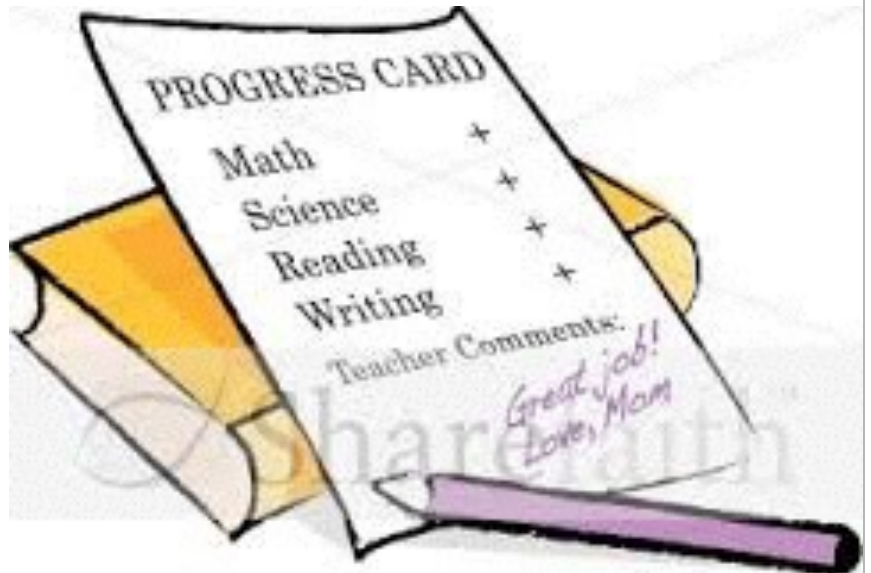
THIS WEEK'S NEWS

MLK Jr. Day

Don't forget that **Monday, January 18** is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day! There will not be school that day.

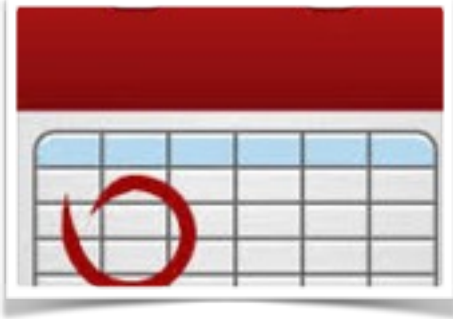
End of 2nd Quarter

The end of the 2nd quarter is approaching! Please take a look at your child's progress report and help him or her to get caught up on any missing assignments (including reading calendars!). All missing assignments will be due **no later than January 27**. This allows me time to catch up on grading. There will be **NO SCHOOL** on **January 29** for teachers to finalize grades and complete report cards.



Progress Reports & Tardies

Take a look at the progress reports that have come home. The grades are almost up to date (I have a handful of assignments to grade still). Also, take a look at your child's tardies. Some students have been tardy several times-this can be disruptive to the morning routine, both for your child and other students. Please help us to minimize disruptions by having your child at school promptly at 8:10am. The gym is open at 7:45am to give students time to run around and wake up. Using that time is also helpful for helping their brains "get going" before school. :)



Dates to Keep in Mind

-**January 18:** No School-
MLK Jr. Holiday

-**January 28:** Last Day of
Second Quarter

-**January 29:** No School-
Teacher Grading Day

Classroom Website

scswilson.weebly.com

Spelling City

<http://www.spellingcity.com/SCSMissWilson/>

Behavior System Change

I am trying a new system in class to help “curb” some repeated behaviors that have become a distraction to me as a teacher and to other students as learners. It is important to have a positive, learning environment so that each student is able to learn to the best of his or her ability. I have included a sample (blank) letter so that you can see what it will look like in case it comes home with your child.

Before your child will have a letter sent home, they are given 3 chances to stop the behavior. I tell them verbally to stop and I write their name on the board (so they can track) and put checks next to their name. When they receive their third check, the letter comes home.

More than anything, this letter is an added layer of communication to help families be aware of what is happening in the classroom. When a letter comes home, I do ask that parents sign them and return them, just so I know you saw the letter. I also ask that you have a discussion at home about the behavior and following instructions in class.

Thank you for your support to keep our classroom a positive, learning environment! :)