**Homework 12/10- 12/14**

**Monday:**

* Reading: Read at least 20 minutes-fill in reading log
  + (No written assignment)- Try and persuade someone at home to read your book Support your ideas with EVIDENCE from the text (OREO): Opinion, Reason, Example, Opinion (restated)
* Math: Review iXL O.1 Guess the Number

**Tuesday:**

* Reading: Read at least 20 minutes- fill in reading log
* Word Study: Spelling City

**Wednesday:**

* Reading: Read at least 20 minutes- fill in reading log
* Math Review: Complete an iXL that you have not mastered yet and feel you need more practice ☺

**Thursday: 1:00PM Holiday Concert**

* Reading: Read at least 20 minutes
* \*Optional: Word Study- Spelling City

**Friday:**

* Reading: Read at least 20 minutes- fill in log

**This week in Second Grade…**

In Reading Workshop, we are focusing on using non-fiction text features to help us gather more information about our topics. We will be learning to use different text features more efficiently over the next week and how to share our new information learned with others.

In Writing, we are working in our unit on Opinion/Persuasive Writing. Last week, we focused on writing book reviews to share our opinions about our books and characters. We will be discussing the writing organization strategy of OREO (Opinion, Reason, Example, and Opinion restated). This week we will be writing persuasive advertisements, and then by the end of the week or beginning of next week, writing a persuasive piece on 1 of 2 topics: Convince the Gingerbread Man to stop running away from you, and why you should be hired for an elf this year. This concept can be carried over daily into book discussion and can help boost comprehension through supporting opinions with specific character actions or dialogue.

In Math, we are strengthening our number sense by learning different strategies to add two and one digit numbers, and solving word problems using these new strategies.

For Word Study this week, we will be working with our words on Spelling City. We will do our spell check next Friday. Spelling City activities can be completed anytime throughout the week.

Students should continue to fill out their reading logs. This reading log can be kept at home, or in their folder if it is easier, and should be filled out each day that the student reads. When the log is completed, they should bring the log back to school to receive an extra ticket. It is important for children to read independently and also listen to reading. When your child is reading or you are reading to them, it is important to have a discussion about the book to increase comprehension. Types of questions could be *who were the characters, what was your favorite part, what was the story about, what facts did you learn, what do you think will happen next, how would you change the book, where did the book take place, how would you feel if this happened to you etc.*

We will be wrapping up Science presentations this week. We will be welcoming other classes into our room to view our projects and learn all about different vulnerable, endangered, and critically endangered animals. I will post pictures of the projects by the end of the week.

In Social Studies this week/next week, we are studying New Jersey, and how NJ has changed over time. We will discuss and learn about different parts of our state, how areas have changed over time, and how these areas effected settlement and production of different goods. We will be learning about this topic for several weeks. This can be reinforced while walking around town or hanging by the water by looking at how structures have changed, discussing why they have changed, and how transportation, specifically in our area, effects daily living.

Our classroom is made up of many unique cultures, languages, and traditions. We love when families are able to share their unique cultural traditions with the class. If you would like to come in and read a book, do a craft, or lead an activity that exhibits something that your family celebrates, we would love it!

My website is <http://vollmar2hcs.weebly.com/>. Please bring in your trimester 2 supplies if your last name is I-O. Also, if anyone has egg cartons, we could use them for math!

Have a fabulous week!