

2ND GRADE NEWS

February 12-16

Here's What's Happening:

Lincoln By: Nancy Byrd Turner Due: February 26 There was a boy of other days, A quiet, awkward, earnest lad, Who trudged long weary miles to get A book on which his heart was set-And then no candle had! He was too poor to buy a lamp But very wise in woodmen's ways. He gathered seasoned bough and stem, And crisping leaf, and kindled them Into a ruddy blaze. Then as he lay full length and read, The firelight flickered on his face, And etched his shadow on the gloom, And made a picture in the room, In that most humble place. The hard years came, the hard years went, But, gentle, brave, and strong of

will, He met them all. And when today We see his pictured face, we say, "There's light upon it still."

Spelling Assessment

Lists 37 & 38

monkey	thread
myself	thunder
noise	tried
pencil	try
pie	vein
pull	except
sew (needle)	aunt
sow (seeds)	ant
so	capture
steam	else

Mark Your Calendar

Check out the <u>Elementary</u> <u>Events Calendar</u> for dates.

February 16th

No School—Teacher In-service

February 19th

No School—President's Day

March 1st

No School—Parent Teacher Conferences

<u>March 5th</u>

TCA North Fine Arts Concert

Valentines Parties

Your classroom teacher or room parent will be emailing you regarding the details of our upcoming holiday celebration.

Please send in a decorated box/bag for your child's party!

Conferences

These are optional conferences. Your classroom teacher will be sending you an email to sign up. Please note that your student's teacher may want to meet wit you regarding their progress in habits or academics.

or Your Information:

Curriculum:

MATH:

Chapter 9 (3s and 4s)

Math newsletter: Click here

Core Knowledge:

Civil War

Language Arts:

Cursive! Please only use the cursive taught in class.

Core Knowledge Civil War:

This week we will begin our Civil War unit. This is a very sensitive unit and we treat it with great respect. There are some conversations that may happen at school that you may wonder about when you hear the '8 year old version' at home. Please know that we keep it very kid appropriate. There are also several songs and books that we read that have some religious background (spiritual influence), however; we do not teach any type of religious lessons or promote one religion over another. If you have questions or concerns throughout the unit, please feel free to contact your teacher first. This unit will cover the causes of the war, the differences between the North and the South, Lee and Grant, Abraham Lincoln (the president)/ the Lincoln Memorial, Harriet Tubman, Clara Barton, and the Emancipation Proclamation. We encourage you to continue having conversations with your child throughout this unit.