

K-2 FIREWEED ACADEMY NEWSLETTER
January 14th, 2013

HAPPENINGS

NEW Week Long THEME GROUPS!

Our new theme for this quarter is CHANGE. Our first theme groups are exciting ones: Kim will be exploring the "changing states of matter", Deb will be exploring water's change from liquid to solid (snow and ice) and the penguins that survive in a land covered by crystalline water, and Jon will be guiding self-portrait drawing as kids look back at when they were babies and then Ahead toward changes as they become teenagers and then adults. Turn your imaginations loose and see if you have any great ideas for us around the theme of change! Think science, social studies, field trips, and guest speakers. If you get any great brainstorming ideas let us know!

TIERRA MADRE: SOCIAL CHANGE IN NICARAGUA

Olga Von Ziegesar will be in on Weds after lunch to share with us her work in Nicaraguan villages helping to provide clothing, bicycles, school supplies and uniforms for families and children in need. Global social change in action!

"Never doubt that a small group of committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

-Margaret Mead

CLOTHES DRIVE... ****If you want to help Olga out:** Please send in used but functional clothing for her to take with her **BY THURSDAY!** She heads out on Friday to Nicaragua.

FIELD TRIP ON FRIDAY - FIRE STATION

We will be dividing into two groups for this walking field trip to the Fire Station. The first group will go in the 11 o'clock hour with the second group leaving after lunch.

NITTY GRITTY INFORMATION

SNACKS AND TISSUES RUNNING LOW

If you are able to contribute, we are running low on community snacks and on boxes of facial tissue. It would be especially helpful if Hot Lunch families could send in some snacks. Also, if your child is having hot lunch, please send a personal snack with them for our morning snack time. Thank you!

PLAYGROUND AND PARKING LOT...argh! Be Careful!

Beware... it is **STILL** wet, slushy, slippery, and icy out there and on any given day it can be different or change. Please be careful! Send your child ready to be smart outside Alaskan kids in the winter! Thanks!

Needed:

Gallon-Size Ice Cream Buckets Needed: Please bring any you have to Deb.

Paper towel rolls and toilet paper rolls for upcoming recycling project!

Coffee Cans...if anyone still drinks it and has the metal cans, to Deb!

HEARTY THANK YOUS

- Thank you to Kara, Leslie and Adele for helping out with 5 in a Row reading. It is great to have extra folks around to help kids with their reading.
- Thanks to Margi and Kara for starting right up with morning dance again! Hip hop and folk dances really liven up the yurt in the morning.
- Thank you to our parent volunteers for all you do for us! We notice!

Upcoming K-2 Dates: Mark your calendars!

Jan 14 th /15 th	Developmental Screening for Pre-Schoolers & Toddlers & Infants
Thurs. Jan 17 th	Clothes drive ends for Tierra Madre
Fri. Jan 18 th	Walking Field trip to the Fire hall
Mon. Jan 21 th	No School(Martin Luther King Jr. Day Inauguration Day)
Fri, Jan 25 th	6 th Grade Waffle Lunch Fundraiser at Fireweed 3-6 - More to come...
Fri. Jan 25 th	KIDS MOVIE NIGHT - Friday, Jan 25th at 6:30 West Homer Elementary School Gym Showing "Nim's Island" Popcorn & Snacks for sale. All Money raised goes to support the West Homer Elementary School Library!
Thurs/Fri Feb 7 th and 8 th	Student -Led Parent/Teacher Conferences

March 4th-7th
Fri. March 8th
March 11th - 15th

Swim Week for Little Fireweed
No School - Teacher In-Service
No School - Spring Break