



C.U.S.D. # 202  
Schiesher Elementary School



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## News in Room 18 for the Weeks of January 9, 2012

**Homeroom:** Happy New Year! Welcome back. January brings busy days so please read any and all information that is sent from school. There is no school on Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. We will take time to discuss the work of Martin Luther King Jr. in honor of his birthday.

**Math:** This week we will work on geometry as we study area and perimeter. We will also continue to work on basic multiplication facts. Please practice basic facts at home. My Skills Tutor is accessible from home and is a great tool to use. If you need more information on that please let me know.

**Language Arts:** We will continue to learn about making inferences as we read more poetry this week in our Shared Reading. In Guided Reading we will finish up our mystery study and move on to other selections. During both Shared and Guided Reading we will focus on the comprehension skills we have learned so far this year. Remember, a reading log is due each Friday.

**Science:** We are conducting scientific experiments on mystery powders in science.

**Social Studies:** We will finish our unit about the Midwestern region. Also, we have begun writing our Famous Person Reports. I will model how to write each paragraph in class, using Abraham Lincoln as our example. Students completed an introductory paragraph at school last week; however each of the other paragraphs will be done at home. We will begin working on the Lincoln early years/childhood paragraph on Tuesday and individual paragraphs are due the following week. Please see the schedule for due dates. All the Famous Person Report items are being kept in a yellow folder and students should turn in the entire folder with all the contents each time a paragraph is due. In addition, students who have a jump drive are keeping it in the folder so that paragraphs done at home can be saved to this drive. This way, we can access the paragraphs in order to revise and put finishing touches on it at the end. Visit our 4<sup>th</sup> Grade News website for all of the information on this project.

**Other Reminders:** If there are any questions about the famous person project, please contact me as soon as possible. Thank you!