# Second Grade Stars

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Spelling Next week, students will have words from science.

1.sleep	7.insects
2.wing	8.blood
3.fly	9.sight
4.caves	10.den
5.nest	11.breath
6.leaves	12.crops

### Ice Cream

Students who have 4 January and 4 February book reports done by the end of February will be receiving ice cream from Mr. Scarano. Keep on reading and reporting !

# Mobiles

Thank-you if you already sent in a mobile for a book report. We have some great mobiles hanging from our ceiling. You may send them in on any day in February.

# Reading

Next week, we will be reading "Going Batty for Bats" by Time Magazine for Kids. Students will learn how important bats are in nature, and why we have less to fear from them than they do from us.

Please help your child read and understand the vocabulary words:

darkness scary breath crops study cover

## Math

This week we have been working hard on making equal parts and writing fractions.

You may have fun at home by eating fractions ! You could talk about how many pieces are cut and how many pieces are eaten. Yum !

We have also worked with volume and cubic centimeters using our base ten blocks. Jump Start The following student was honored for being a Kid of Character:

Dylan - Think before you act.

New Camera Thanks to the Girl Scouts, we have a new camera to be used by the Elementary Staff. They are very generous in giving us this very special gift.

Nursing Home We will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day by visiting the residents in the Nursing Home and Assisted Living. We will ride the bus and be out of the school building from 9:30 to 10:45 on March 17.

Flat Stanley THANK-YOU for sending in addresses ! Everyone in our class has an address. Students have been writing letters about Flat Stanley to send to the people of your choice !

#### Dates to Remember

Feb. 20 Gear sign up here 9AM-12 Feb. 27 Gear sign up Hanover Park D. 9AM-12 Dawn Speer 815-858-3561 March 1 -11 ITBS Testing March 17 Visit the Nursing Home 9:30 - 10:45 March 17-P/T Conferences 4-8PM March 18 No Students P/T Conferences 3-8PM March 19 No Students March 26 Spring Carnival March 31 1:30 Dismiss for Easter

#### States

I have been reading to the students about the states in our great country, The United States of America ! You might ask them about Illinois and the states that border Illinois. You might also ask them about states along the eastern coastline. For example: Do you know what state you would be in if you were in a life-sized game of Monopoly ? (Atlantic City, New Jersey)