

## Team 2 February News

It has been a busy and productive month for the students and teachers in Team 2. There was excitement in the air on the morning of January 3rd with most of the students asking the same question, "What time do we get to do CURSIVE?" The anticipation of learning a new way to write and read words seems to captivate the minds of many young learners!!! We are currently learning the lower case letters of the alphabet and will be joining those letters together to make words as we progress this quarter. Cursive packets and practice sheets will be coming home so parents can see their student's progress. Cursive homework will not begin until the students are more comfortable and confident with their new skills.

During this month, students listened to ten books nominated for the Golden Sower Award. The Golden Sower Award is given annually to a book that the children of Nebraska vote as their favorite. The students in Team 2 voted during the last week of January for their favorite book. They will be bringing home a Golden Sower summary packet that they used to make their decision. Many times the decision is difficult for the students because all ten books are enjoyable and deserving of the award.

Currently, Team 2 students are learning about nutrition and the Food Guide Pyramid. We will be looking at the variety of foods available in each food group and how much of each group we should consume daily. This area of study makes the students aware of good choices that will benefit their body. At the end of each week, students get to sample a fruit and vegetable that may be new to them. On Friday, January 25 students tried winter pears and green peppers with ranch dip. It was interesting and amusing to hear the variety of opinions from the students about the two choices.

As January ends, we would like to focus on getting more home reading logs returned from students. It is optional to fill out a reading log, but it is a good reminder of how crucial reading at home is to a developing reader. At the end of each month, students who've brought back a reading log for every week of the month are eligible in a drawing to eat lunch with the teachers. We start fresh each month, so it's never too late to start.