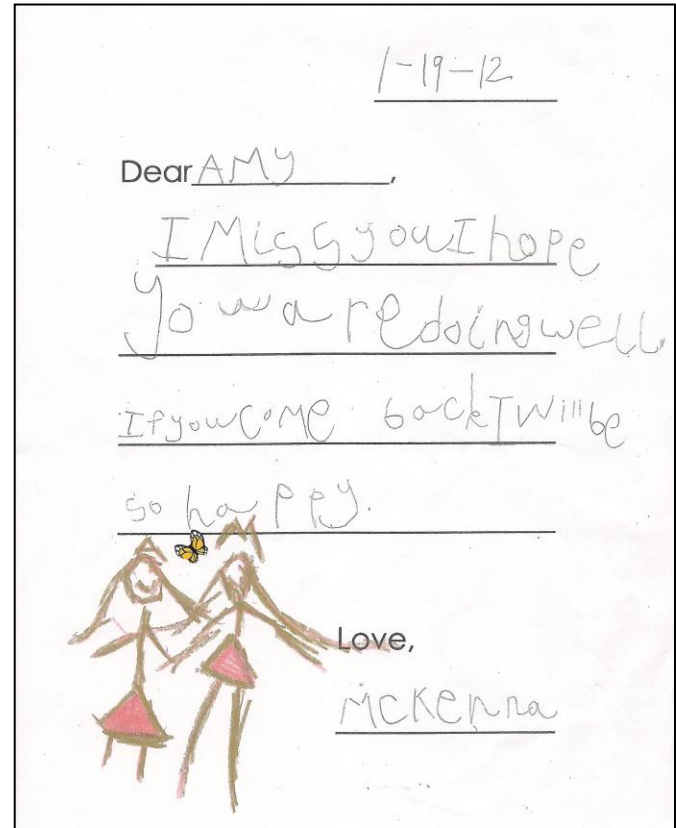


## Primary 2 January 25, 2012

*"If we wish to create a lasting peace we must begin with the children."*

**Mahatma Gandhi**

A Letter to my friend Amy  
by McKenna



Dear Parents,

It seems everyone returned to school after winter break ready to work! It always amazes me this time of year to see the depth of interest your children have in discovery and learning. Our first years are really owning their place in our community by showing us they **can** "do it all on my own," and I swear we have some second and third year students who are determined to read every book, make every map, and work on every piece of work in the classroom before they graduate! In January we have explored tasting with our Citrus Tasting Work, and Orange Juice Squeezing work. We have also discussed and explored hot and cold, and different ways of measuring temperature. We also started our unit on Antarctica, and have even made our own iceburg for our classroom.

We have been counting the days of school every day in P2. We will celebrate the 100th Day of School on Friday, February 3rd by having a very special Children's Line. Each child will bring 100 of something in a bag and we will let each of them share how they chose and counted what they bring. Bring 100 items (pennies, noodles, beads, shells, stickers) in a Zip-Lock bag labeled with their name on it. Help your child to count items by separating into 10 piles of 10. It will be a fun filled day of fun counting activities! We will still have our regular share day on Thursday, February 2nd, which is scheduled to be "3 things that rhyme."

**Tuesday, February 14th**, we will have our **Valentine exchange**. Please **decorate a shoe box** with a slot in the top for mailing, to become your child's valentine mail box. It helps if you decorate the lid separate from the box so they can access their valentines easily. You may bring in the box any time that week. Please be sure your child's name is clearly visible on the outside of the box. Each child should also **bring 28 Valentines** addressed to "my friend" in a Ziploc bag labeled with your child's name by 9am Friday morning. We will allow each child time to "mail" their valentines to each of their friends using the mail boxes during Friday work cycle. We will allow each child to open one valentine of their choice during line time to share with the class. The rest of the valentines will be saved, unopened, for the children to open at home and share their excitement with their families.

**February 20th is Presidents Day.** We will be having discussions of past and present Presidents. What a wonderful time to introduce the all the work we have that involves **money**. We will see money work in Math, Language, and even Practical Life as the Penny Polishing work is always a classroom favorite! We will also introduce our **United States map** and discuss different places we have visited in the United States. Our classroom share on Thursday, February 16th is “**Somewhere you traveled in the USA.**” Your child can bring in a photo, artifact, or drawing of somewhere they went that they would like to share a story about.

**February 23rd and 24th are Professional Development days** and there is no school for students. We are scheduling conferences those days, and hope to meet with all of you between now and then. The Primary classrooms are scheduling another **Parent Visitation Day** on the morning of **Thursday, February 23rd**. This is where each child will bring **only one parent** or special someone to the classroom for 45 minutes to give them lessons on their favorite work. We organize this time so that there are 2 groups, one at **9:00-9:45 a.m.** and the other at **10:00-10:45 a.m.** so that the classroom is not too full. You will be receiving an appointment with your time soon. If you need to change your time, please contact Mrs. Carter.

Remember to **put names in your jackets and sweaters**, and make sure they have one every day. We have a huge collection of jackets **with out names**. We will be leaving them on the fence for parents to see during car line. Please check to see if any belong to your child.

#### **Children’s Line:**

Thursday, January 26th - Something that begins with “o” or “p”

Thursday, February 2nd - 3 things that rhyme

Friday, February 3rd - 100 items for the 100th Day of School

Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>- Something that begins with ‘r’ or ‘s’

Tuesday, February 14th - Valentine Exchange

Thursday, February 16th - Something about a President

Thursday, March 2nd - Something about somewhere you traveled in the U.S.A.

#### **Important Dates:**

Friday, February 3rd - 100th Day of School

Saturday, February 11th - FoCD “An Evening with Friends” parent social and fundraiser

Tuesday, February 14th - **Valentine Exchange**

Thursday, February 23rd - Parent Visitation Day / Conferences / **No School**

Friday, February 24th - Professional Development Day / **No School**

#### **Thank you, thank you, thank you.....**

**Thank you** to all our wonderful lunch parents! We really appreciate your support. **Thank you** also to our reading parents, and all the parents who have donated healthy snacks. **Thank you** to all the parents who donated oranges for our orange juice squeezing work! **Thank you** to Eli for donating the wonderful books to our classroom library. **Thank you** to Garrett for donating the Clorox wipes. **Thank you** to Frances Winstead, our FoCD Room Rep for organizing our Classroom Basket Donation for the auction, and all the families who donated items. We are so privileged to have so much support from all of our P2 families this year, thank you’s don’t seem to be enough. It is a pleasure to work with you all.

Sincerely,

**Linda Carter, Deborah Kirkpatrick, and Joan Poppleton**

*“Imagine all the people living life in peace. You may say I’m a dreamer, but I’m not the only one. I hope someday you’ll join us, and the world will be as one.”*

**John Lennon**