



# CARLSON

## COMMUNICATOR

**Reminder**

-- No School --  
 Friday, 02/12/10  
 and Monday 02/15/10

**Congratulations,  
Cougar Kids!**

Anna & Chance

**Happy Birthday!**

Grace, Jaide, Dakota

**I.B. Opportunities**

Our new I.B. planner has us exploring the theme "How We Express Ourselves" as we inquire about folktales (below).

**BEGINNING THE NEW YEAR WITH A BANG!**

Lately we have focused a lot on choosing a purpose and an audience for our writing. We have learned the importance of creating our best work that will show our audience the great thinking that we do everyday! Ask us about our book that we recently published together, a collection called Second Grade Secrets. We are very proud of the hard work that we put into making this our best writing, and soon each of our families will receive a copy of this book. We have become more independent and self-reliant writers as we work on bringing a written piece from the planning to publishing stage. A lot of us have learned that good writers continually revise and edit as they write.

Since we are currently exploring folktales during Readers' and Writers' Workshops, we will soon do a shared writing of our own tale. Stay tuned to find out details on our upcoming performance. All families will be welcome!

Did you know that we soon will learn more multiplication and division? We also had a challenging, thought-provoking lesson to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and recently had a discussion about our heritage that blew our teacher's mind!

Excitement for learning happens in Room 11 everyday, and we're glad to share it with you. Volunteers and visitors are always welcome! Please contact Mr. Carlson if you would like to join us.

**I.B. Planner:****"Tales Out of the  
Everywhere"****Central Idea**

**Cultures express their beliefs and values through folktales.**

**Inquiry into:**

- the elements of folktales
- what folktales reveal about each culture (lessons learned)
- similarities and differences of folktales between cultures (beliefs and values)