



Spruce News

January 2012



Dear Families,

Happy New Year! I hope all of you had a wonderful holiday season, and enjoyed having your children home during the winter break. I know I enjoyed the time with my family. As many of you know, my first granddaughter was born on December 9th and that made for a very special Christmas this year

It was nice to get back to school and see all of the boys and girls again. It's about this time of year that we really start to see growth- physically, socially and academically. I look forward to all that 2012 has to offer.

Below are some items that I felt were important to keep you all posted on, so please take a few minutes to read through everything.

OUTDOOR RECESS

The students will go outside for recess as long as the temperature with the wind chill is 20 degrees or higher. Please make sure that your child has a hat, gloves, scarf and boots to stay warm during recess time.

YEARBOOK ORDERS

Yearbook orders need to be in by January 12th. Forms were sent home before the break, but we do have more if the original was misplaced. There will be a limited number of extra copies available at the end of the year, so if you are interested in getting a yearbook, please place your order now.

TARGET AWARD FOR BOOKS/MEDIA CENTER

We were fortunate enough to be awarded \$500 in free books from Target this year. They are also sending representatives to help us redesign parts of our media center to make a reading corner for students to go to while they enjoy reading a book. If anyone has connections with companies that might be willing to donate curtains, end tables, standing lamps, or beanbag chairs please let me know. These are all materials that we will be looking for to make this area more inviting for our students.

WELLNESS COMMITTEE

I would like to begin our Wellness Program again this year at the start of the 2nd semester. If there are any parents that are interested in serving on the committee that plans activities and a timeline for the rest of the year, please contact me. Last year, we focused on one component of good health each month: nutrition & diet, physical activity, emotional wellness, and ended with our Mini Relay for Life. If you have any ideas or suggestions for this year, I'd love to hear from you. I would like to have a meeting at the end of the month.

Thank you for your involvement in your child's education. As always, thank you for the opportunity to work with your children.

"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much!"

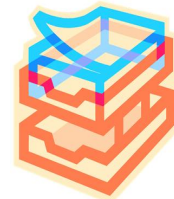
Mrs. Ressler

Mrs. Winners

Administrative Assistant

I'd like to thank our parents for calling in your child's absence when he/she is out ill. It saves us a lot of time from having to make calls home to ensure that your child is at home for the day.

Also, thank you for your cooperation with bringing in notices from the doctor and the dentist to verify your child's appointments. The documentation has been helpful to us for our attendance records.



PTA NEWS

From Jill Limpert, PTA President

Welcome back to school! I hope everyone enjoyed their winter break as much as I did.

Our next PTA meeting will be Tuesday January 31st, at Spruce School. I invite all parents to attend. We will be having a raffle so come one come all. The meeting is the same night as conferences, so please feel free to stop in and say hi!

Friday February 10th PTA will be having a family movie night. We will be watching Cars 2. Details will be coming home shortly.

Don't forget to support our school by ordering Market Day. If you haven't tried it, this is a great month to think about it! We have increased our sales from last year, and so far this year we have earned our PTA \$91.48, last year at this time we had earned \$67.76 so thanks to all the families that have ordered. Last year we average 18 customers per sale, this year its 22. If you have any questions about Market Day, please feel free to email PTA at SprucePTA@gmail.com

Jill

Hot Cocoa and Cookies BoxTops Contest



Contest duration November 12, 2011
through February 17, 2012.

Have the kids practice their cutting skills by trimming each BoxTop. Then tape to the enclosed contest sheets. Contest sheets will also be sent home this week.

Bonus Box Tops should not be attached to the contest sheets

We could use a little help. It would be extremely helpful if the Box Tops are trimmed to size and be sure that they haven't expired. We cannot redeem expired labels.

Thanks so much for any help.



Coke Rewards for Schools Program

Donate "My Coke Rewards" points to Spruce to help us get things like athletic equipment, classroom supplies and more.

Purchase your favorite Coca-Cola beverages to get codes, and then enter the code online to get points and donate them to Spruce. You can also just turn in the code to the school and we will enter them. Thanks for your support. Codes can be found inside the bottle cap and on the tear our flap of any 12 pack cans. Register for "My Code Rewards" at www.mycokerewards.com/schools





100 Point Bonus in Your January Paper!

Looking for a way to earn even more bonus points in the New Year? *Labels for Education*® will offer a special collection sheet and coupons for participating products in your newspaper on **January 8th, 2012**. This is a fun activity for the whole family!

Fill out the collection sheet and turn it into your school coordinator by 3/15/2012 for submission.

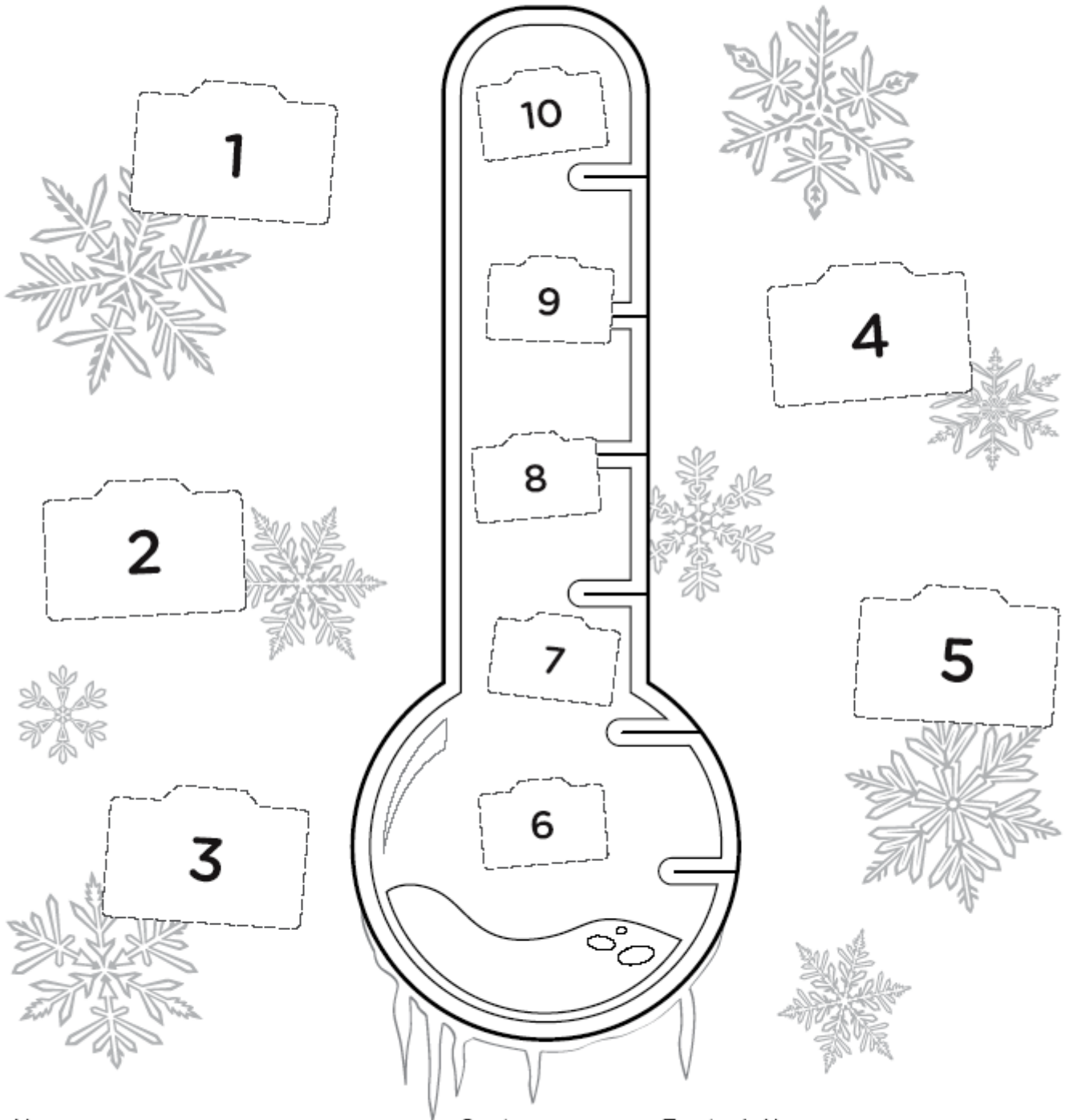
Note: One of the biggest challenges is making sure that all of the labels qualify, that they are trimmed so that, as a minimum, the UPC label is included (although it is preferred that the Campbell's "Labels for Education" logo is attached as well). For your information, Campbell's will allow as little as one half of a UPC label to be missing. Visit www.labelsforeducation.com for a complete list of eligible products.





heat up your school spirit!

The more Box Tops you add, the hotter your school's earnings will be



Name _____

Grade _____

Teacher's Name _____

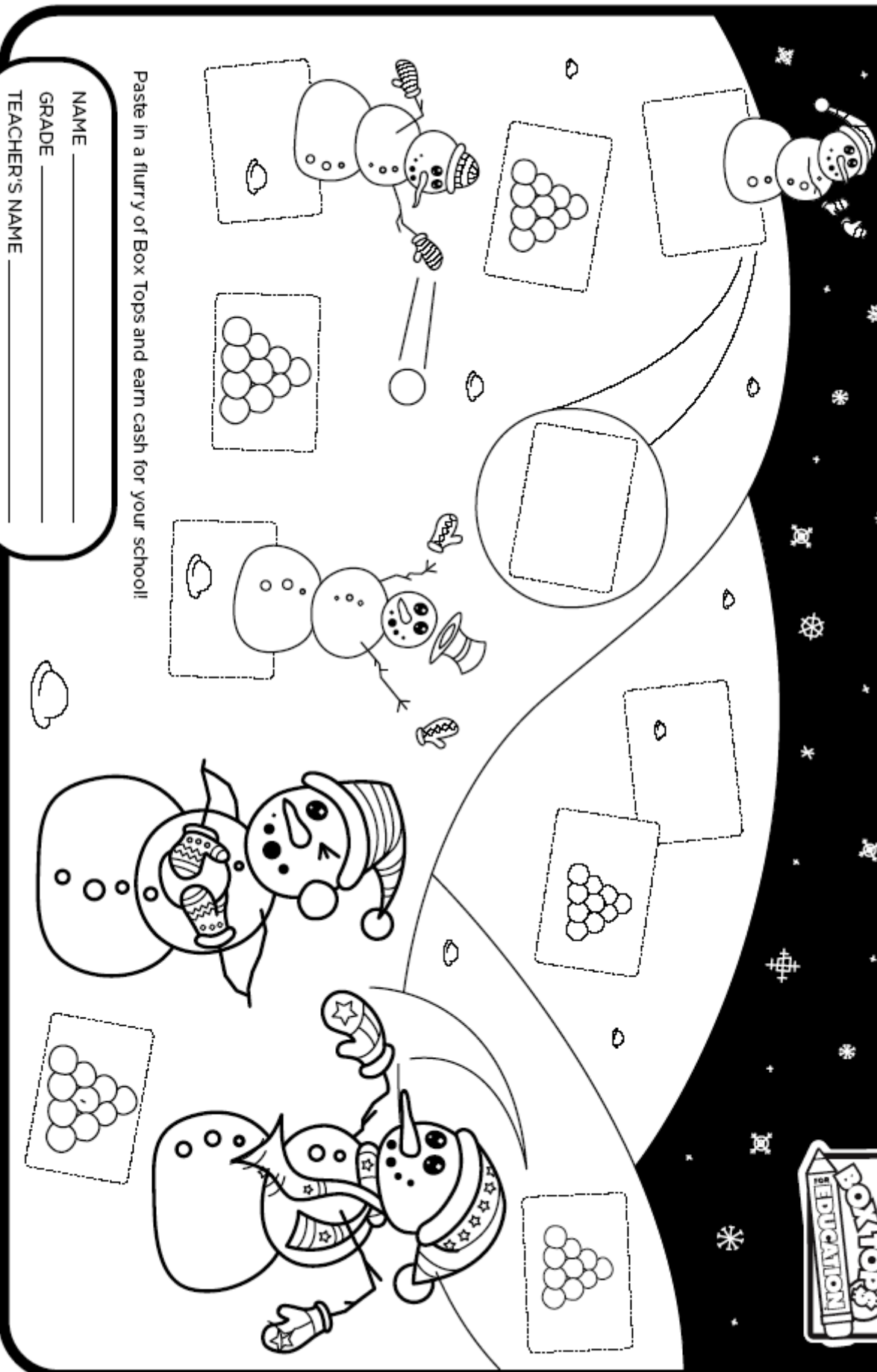
Thank you for helping! Every Box Top you collect is worth 10¢ for your school.

To see more ways to earn cash for your school, go to www.btf.com

Bonus Box Tops should not be added to this collection sheet. They should be submitted separately.

FOR COORDINATORS ONLY Total # of Box Tops on this sheet: _____

HOORAY FOR SNOW DAYS!



Paste in a flurry of Box Tops and earn cash for your school!

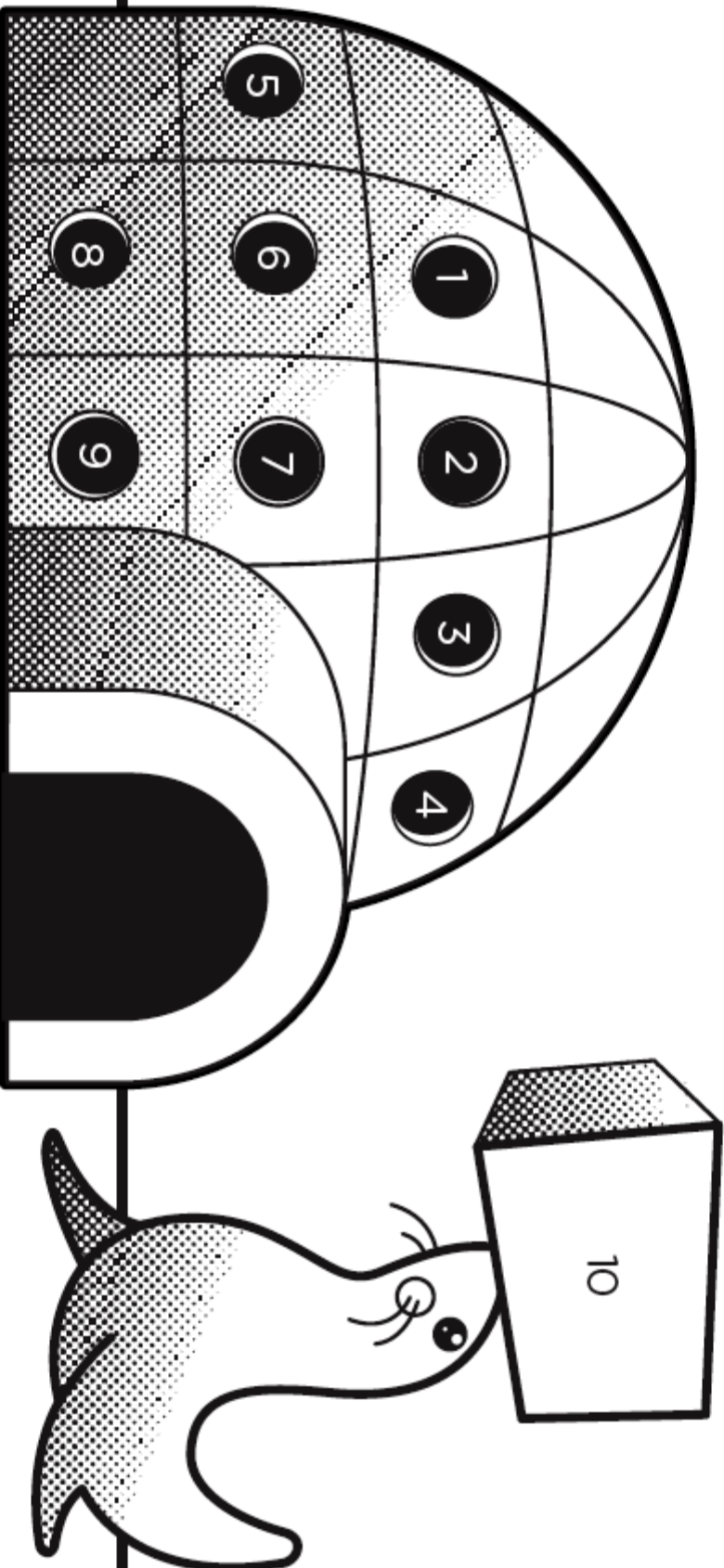
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GRADE _____
TEACHER'S NAME _____

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help Frank "seal up" his home
for the winter with Box Tops!



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JANUARY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5	6
9 Market Day Pick up	10	11	12	13
16 MLK day No School	17	18	19 End of 2 nd Quarter PTA Council meeting	20 Teacher Records Day – NO SCHOOL
23 Staff Photo Candid Shots	24	25 Report Cards sent home	26 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:30	27
30	31 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:30 PTA Mtg. 7:00 PM			