



# Second Grade Newsletter

November 22<sup>nd</sup>

Happy

## Important Dates

Please remember to look at the school website for important dates and events going on in the school district.

Happy Thanksgiving from The Johnson Family! We hope your Thanksgiving Day is wonderfully spent with family and friends!

Please note: There is no school on Wednesday for the students. This is an in-service day for the teachers only.

## Classroom News



Now that the weather has changed drastically, students need to come to school dressed for the appropriate weather conditions. All students "know" that a warm jacket, mittens, and hat and will keep them much warmer than a short sleeve shirt.

Students are to go outside for recess before school starts, at lunch, and afternoon recess unless kept inside due to "other" circumstances. Please make sure your child has the proper attire when coming to school. There is a pattern starting already where we are seeing many students wondering the halls, cafeteria, and even hiding in the bathroom because they don't want to go outside due to the weather. Boots will soon be required, as well. This issue needs to be "nipped in the bud" right away. Please discuss the rules with your child.

When a student is absent, he/she has one day per absenteeism to make up their work. There will be times when you will have to help your child with their schoolwork because we move onto the next lesson in most subject areas daily. It is impossible for me to get everyone caught up and continue to teach to the other students. As the year goes on, the schoolwork will get harder and more will be required from your child. Some students may need extra practice, have to make corrections, or need more time spent with them on reading the assigned stories. Please check your child's agenda on a daily basis to see if homework has to be done. Thank you for your help and understanding in this matter.

## Agenda Books

Students are responsible for filling out their agenda book and taking it home daily to be signed. This is a great communication tool to let you know what we worked on during the day, if your child has homework to be completed, or a note of concern.



If your child attends Badger Care after school, he or she will have to go right away and not stay to help out. I love that I get extra help, but I will be leaving as soon as possible for basketball season has started. I have a son who plays and husband who coaches. I truly appreciate all my little helpers!

**Literacy Tips:** Have students practice their spelling in clay, using magnetic letters, or typing them on a computer. Read with your child daily to ensure he/she is being fluent and understanding what is being read. Reading books and/or library books should be coming home to practice reading daily.

**Math Tips:** All students have been added to a new math program call "front row." Students can access the program from home and continue where they left off. The classroom code is 3s3trg. This is a great way to work on all skills learned thus far and **MATH FACTS!** All students need to work on addition and subtraction facts.



Spelling Words to Practice:

Long u Words

u\_e: mule fuse use flute

June duke tune dune

u: music bugle

Review:

goes bowl

High-Frequency:

building machine scientist



Reading Vocabulary will vary according to Book Club level and book(s) being read.

Journal writing will include higher requirements and maybe coming home to complete if not completed during class. Many students want to write only a minimal amount or nothing at all. Please be on the "lookout" for journal entry in daily agenda or backpack.



What We're Learning

**Reading:** **Book Clubs** Leveled reader books - Students will test their comprehension by taking an AR Test after their book is finished. We will also work on story elements.

**Phonics/Spelling:** u and u\_e patterns

**Grammar:** singular and plural nouns, more abbreviations

**Math:** Chapter 5 Place Value

**Writing:** Mechanics-sentence structure

Narrative: What I want to be when I grow up

**Journal Writing**

**Science:** Landforms / Geography

**Social Studies:** Communities/Workers

**Computers:** Type to Learn, Accelerated Math, Math Facts in a Flash, and Accelerated Reading & Front Row



Important Information

Please remind your child to have all the necessary materials in class daily. Reading book, agenda book, AR books, glasses (if needed), homework to be returned...etc.