



Second Grade Newsletter

September 23, 2016

Important Dates

PALS testing is this week on Wednesday and Thursday from 11:30-2:45. It is a state assessment that will give me a benchmark to use for developing a program specifically for your child to provide additional help to improve on the skills he/she is lacking. There is a Fall, Winter, and Spring assessment given for comparison and tracking growth or losses made throughout the year. **It will be very important that your child is well rested, given a healthy breakfast, and in school on these days unless he/she is sick, of course.** Each student will be testing individually in a quiet environment.

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.



Classroom News



We will still be working towards developing our **daily routine** and expectations in the classroom, hallway, bathroom, cafeteria, playground, and on the bus. Modeling the appropriate behavior used in the various areas is very important for the students to learn. "Good Citizenship" is part of our Social Studies Curriculum and PBIS.

Students are doing a wonderful job adjusting to second grade. They are a great bunch of children to work with! I am really enjoying them 😊

Fundraisers are due on Tuesday, September 27th.

Please continue to support "**Fill the Bus.**" Bring in nonperishable items to school to help those in need. **We are teaching the students how to be great citizens by contributing! Thank you to all who have sent items in!**

If possible please send in **Ticonderoga pencils** to school with your child. These seem to be the only pencil that sharpens and lasts. All other pencils sharpen on one side and the lead continues to break.

Literacy Tips: Reading with your child daily will increase their word recognition, fluency, comprehension, and love for reading. "**Good Fit**" books allow students to read at their own level and interest. The students may check books out of my leveled book bins, as well.

Math Tips: Students who practice and master their addition and subtraction facts will be more successful in math. Facts are the basic building blocks needed for each consecutive lesson taught. Those who practice 10 minutes a night will find that they will spend less time on math assignments and making corrections on their papers.



Spelling Words to Practice:

Short /i/ and Long /i/ words

did fin pick rip mix

line pipe five side hike

Review words:

not went

High Frequency words

because off picture



Reading Vocabulary

celebrate: you honor a special event by doing something fun

culture: the ways people live, including their ideas, customs, and traditions

deaf: cannot hear anything or can hear very little

relatives: the members of your family

signing: using sign language to communicate with someone deaf

I made flash cards for the student's to take home and practice with.



What We're Learning

Reading: *A Special Camp* pg.80-81 *Meet Rosina* pgs.82-102
Daily 5 Group/ Books

Phonics: short /i/ and Long/i/ words

Grammar: Journal Writing, Commas and Predicates

Math: Fact Families, Timed Tests, and Review for Chapter 1- Students will be responsible for all math vocabulary words/definitions on their chapter tests. Each student has a set of cards that were sent in the Friday folder to practice with. We do practice vocabulary daily, but some still need extra practice. **Chapter 1 Test Tuesday.** Then we will start on Chapter 2-Number Patterns, odds, evens, and + and - within 100, multistep problem solving, and arrays.

Writing: We will be working on restating a question and mechanics in writing. How to write a Friendly letter

Journal Writing-Sentence structure and Mechanics

Science: Life Cycle of a Butterfly/frog

Social Studies: Communities/Workers

Computers: Type to Learn, Accelerated Math
Math Facts in a Flash, and Accelerated Reading



Important Information

In your child's folder you will find a form for pictures that needs to be filled out and returned by Mon., Oct. 3rd, as well as, a Dental Seal It form and informational slip to read.

All students need to practice their addition and subtraction facts.

Flashcards are available at the Dollar Store or you could use index cards to write the problems on.

We are going into the computer lab on Thursday's from 9:30-10:25 to work on Type to Learn, Math Facts in a Flash, Accelerated Math, and AR. Students who have late work from the previous day will have to complete before going onto the computer or stay in for recess to complete it.