



# Mrs. Soucy's 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade News

## October 10, 2014

### Next Week:

Reading: We will begin our reading response TIC TAC Toe board. The children will read a book of their choice and complete a specific response to that book. We will work on this skill for the next two weeks. We will also do a mini-book unit on Frog and Toad books by Arnold Lobel. After that, we will move into our Non-fiction unit of study.

#### Writing

We will begin our 1<sup>st</sup> writing piece of the 2<sup>nd</sup> 9 weeks, focusing on our Favorite Holiday as the topic. The students will write a story that has a beginning, middle and end, incorporate transition words, complete sentences and using correct end marks and Capitalization with the sentences.

#### Word Work:

Our new Word Study: eer and er sounds in words.

New Target words; another, never, mother, over, under, longer, order, sister, water

Math: We will be learning all about graphing. Students will learn to gather information and record the information on a Tally chart and then create picture and bar graphs based upon that information. The students will also learn to interpret graphs through comparisons. They will identify more/greater, few/least, same and be introduced to basic addition and subtraction.

#### Science:

We will continue learning about the life cycle of the butterfly and the 4 different stages that occur. We will also be looking at the life cycle of a cat and chicken.

### DCES Fun Run Fundraiser

We are moving into our 2<sup>nd</sup> week of collecting pledges for the Duncan Creek Fun run. This is our annual fundraiser for the 2014 - 2015 school year. Let's all make an effort to get as many pledges as possible to help raise funds for our school. PTA would love as much participation as possible. The monies raised will be put to good use, so pitch in your support for a wonderful cause. If a class gets 100% participation, the teacher gets 15% of the money raised in the classroom. Remember it only takes a dollar to get a Pixie Stix and all donations count!!! Thanks for all that you do!



### ITBS Testing Information:

Testing will begin the week of the 20<sup>th</sup>. Please be at school on time every day. Testing will be first thing in the morning. If your child is after 9:05 your child will not be allowed in the classroom until after testing is complete. Also our specials time will change that week. Specials will be from 1:30 - 2:15 for Oct. 20 - Oct 24 only.

### Wish List Items:

Playground Chalk

Pink or White Erasers

### Important Dates:

- \*Fun Run Pledges - 10/3 -10/16
- \* No School on Monday - 10/13
- \* Teacher Workday - 10/13
- \*DCES Fun Run - 10/16 at 12:15
- \* Report Cards - 10/17
- \* ITBS Testing 10/20 - 10/24
- \* Picture Retakes - 10/30
- \* Character Dress-up Day - 10/31
- \*Fun Run Parties - 10/31
- \* No School/Election Day - 11/4
- \* Zaxby's Spirit Night - 11/11
- \*Thanksgiving Break - 11/24 - 11/28

### Specials Schedule:

Our specials are from 2:15 - 3:00 daily

Monday - No School

Tuesday - Art.

Wednesday - Music

Thursday - STEM

Friday - P.E.

\*\*Please remember to wear tennis shoes and bring a water bottle on P.E. days!

### School information:

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