



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

## October 17, 2014

### Next Week:

Reading: We will finish up our 1<sup>st</sup> reading response TIC TAC TOE board. The children will continue to read books of their choice and complete specific responses to that book. These will be completed next week. We will continue you our 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 continue to focus on graphing and all the components related to a graph. We will learn to gather information and record the information on a Tally chart then create a 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 introduce 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 move back to Social Studies and learn about the different regions in Georgia and Native Americans specific to Georgia.

### Great Days of Service

We are joining in to help the Gwinnett Children's Shelter and the Gwinnett Battered Women's Shelter for Gwinnett's Great Days of Service! Our Donations Drive will begin 10/20 and end 10/24. Will you please help by donating something from the following list?

K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grades: tissues, toilet paper, paper towels, toothbrushes

3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grades: toothpaste, combs, shampoo, bar soap, toddler diapers

### United Way Fund Raiser:

Date change due to no school Nov. 4  
Monday 11/10: Favorite College Team  
Tuesday 11/11: Favorite Professional Team

Wednesday 11/12: Wacky Wednesday (Dress in something funny but no dyed hair please.)

Thursday 11/13: Throwback Thursday (Dress in your favorite decade.)

Friday 11/14: Wear a cape and/or a super hero shirt! (NO COSTUMES, PLEASE!)

All kids who donate by Oct. 31st will have their picture taken in our heroes photo

booth and will be featured on **our** Helping Hands Hall of Fame!

Another item to note: You can pay the \$5.00 or more for Heroes Week through My Payments Plus.

### ITBS Testing Information:

Please remember starting next Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will be participating in ITBS testing. Testing will begin at 4:05 please make sure your child is on time everyday next week. Also, please make sure your child gets a good night sleep and has a good breakfast. There are 5 sections to the test. Every day will focus on a specific skill. Please remind your child to be prepared, stay focus and listen to the directions. I know that everyone is going to do a fantastic job!

### Important Dates:

- \* ITBS Testing 10/20 – 10/24
- \* Great Days of Service – 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 1:30 – 2:15 daily \*please note this is different from our normal time.

Monday – Art

Tuesday – Music

Wednesday – STEM

Thursday – P.E.

Friday – Art

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

### School information:

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