



Mrs. Soucy's 2nd Grade News September 19, 2014

Next Week:

Reading:

We are continuing our Author study on Kevin Henkes. As we read and discuss these books, we are building our anchor papers for reading responses that will help us grow as readers and writers. Some of the different types of responses are Favorite Part, Beginning, Middle and End and Comparing and Contrasting two stories or characters with in the story. These responses will also help us understand Author's purpose in writing.

Also, remember your child will be bringing home "their baggie books," Monday – Thursday. Please take a few minutes to listen and assist your child if needed while they are reading the baggie books. After listening to them read, ask them some questions from the letter that was sent home in your child's folder. Don't forget to record the book on the reading log. Please remember these books are returned every day.

Writing

We will continue our Narrative Writing for the rest of the 1st 9 weeks. Throughout the Narrative Writing process we will continue working on understanding and identifying complete and incomplete sentences and the 4 different types of sentences Declarative (telling), Interrogative (Asking), Exclamatory (Excitement) and Imperative (Command). A great way to get your child to understand the difference is to have them practice writing with you and talking about the types of sentences that are being written,

Word Work:

New Word Study: Diphthongs sounds of -au/-aw and - ay (long a)

Target Words: away, may, play, say, saw, way, always, yesterday

Math:

We will continue our unit of study on Place Value. They are learning Expanded form, Base Ten form, how to sketch, draw and model Base Ten. They will learn to spell their numbers to 1000. The students will need to identify the numbers in the correct place (ones, tens, and hundreds), the value of the number, and how to build 2, 3 and 4 digit numbers.

Science:

We will begin our unit of study on Life Cycles. We will explore life cycles of frogs, butterflies, chickens and cats.

Important Dates:

- * 1st day of Fall – 9/22
- Buffalo's Spirit Night – 9/23
- *Early Release Days – 9/24 and 9/25
- * PTA Fun Run Pep Rally – 10/2 from 1:30 – 2:15
- * Fun Run Pledges – 10/3 -10/16
- * Firehouse Subs Spirit Night – 10/6
- * Teacher Workday – 10/13
- *DCES Fun Run – 10/16
- * Report Cards – 10/17
- * ITBS Testing 10/20 – 10/24
- * Character Dress-up Day – 10/31
- * Fun Run Parties – 10/31

Good Luck to everyone
that has a football or
soccer game this

Conferences:

Conferences will be held Wednesday, September 24th and Thursday September 25th. Your child will be dismissed from school starting at 12:45 on these two days. The last check out time is 12:15. We will be eating in our classroom, please do not send in any ice cream money on these two days, and if you were planning on eating with your child this week please chose another day in the week or come next week. Please remember each conference is 15 minutes, there is a lot to discuss and review, if you have any specific questions please write them down and if we do not get to them I will respond and return the sheet to you. Thank you for your understanding and I look forward to meeting with everyone.

Specials Schedule:

- Our specials are from 10:00 – 10:45 daily
- Monday – STEM
 - Tuesday – P.E.
 - Wednesday – Art
 - Thursday – No Specials
 - Friday – Music
- **Please remember to wear tennis shoes and bring a water bottle on P.E. days!

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