



Mrs. Soucy's 2nd Grade News

September 5, 2014

Next Week:

Reading:

We are continuing to read and learn all about friendship, kindness, and gaining self-confidence through Kevin Henkes Author Study. 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. The responses will also help us understand Author's purpose in writing. Throughout the year we will discuss why an author writes a book, is it to persuade, inform, invite or to entertain. We have also "kicked off" our Reader's Workshop this week. 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. Also, please remember these books are returned every day.

Writing

Writer's workshop will be introduced this week (please make sure your child has brought in their memory bag – they were due on Friday) – we will use this as our spring board into Personal Narratives.

Word Work:

Word Study: oy and oi sounds in words
Target words; big, wish, didn't, sit, six, door, book, look, too, took

Assessment will be on Thursday

Math:

We will begin our unit of study on Place Value. The students will need to understand a variety of components dealing with Place Value. They will learn 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.

Homework

Our homework routine is getting into full swing. A homework sheet will be coming home each Friday with the following week's homework assignments. Please be sure to work on some each night and return to school the *following* Friday. This routine will continue through March of the 2014-2015 school year. New routines will be established in April. Thanks for all you do!

Also, If you would like to participate in a Homework Challenge, please read the attached letter explaining the requirements and expectations. If your child would like to participate, please send me an email and I will get a packet sent home with your child. Thanks for all you do!!!

Important Dates:

- * Begin on-line scheduling for conferences – 9/8
- * Zaxby's Spirit Night – 9/9
- * Breakfast with Dads (at 7:45) – 9/12 A-M
- * CoGAT Testing week of 9/15 – 9/19
- * Breakfast with Dad (at 7:45) – 9/19 N –Z
- * Buffalo's Spirit Night – 9/23
- * Early Release Days – 9/24 and 9/25

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

September 11th

We will show our patriotism this Thursday, September 11th by wearing red, white and blue. We will commemorate this special day in history with some special events. Thanks for your support.



Specials Schedule:

- Our specials are from 10:00 – 10:45 daily
- 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!

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