

Mrs. White's 2nd Grade Newsletter...

Date: September 2, 2013



Daily Schedule:

7:20-8:00: Unpack and get ready for the day, Announcements, Early Bird Activity and/or Walk Fit
8:00-8:10: Calendar and Number Talks
8:10-9:05: Math
9:05-10:30: Daily 5 (Guided Reading, Word Work, Writers Workshop, Listening to Stories, Read to Self)
10:35-11:20: Specials: Monday: Art, Tuesday: PE, Wednesday: Music, Thursday: PE, Friday: ROTATES
11:25-12:00: continue Language Arts
12:05-12:35: Lunch
12:40-1:00: Recess
1:00-2:15 Social Studies, Science, Health and Integrated with the LA block
2:15-2:20 Assignment Sheets and Pick up the Room
Computer Lab: every Wednesday 1:30-2:15
Science Lab: every other week Tuesday 12:40-1:25
Guidance: once a month Friday 1:15-2:00
Buddy Class: every other Friday 1:30-2:10
Media Center: weekly- days may vary

Math: The standard MCC2.NBT.3,4 (Understanding Place Value) is **the same** for both Quarter 1 and Quarter 2. It states that the children should be able to "read and write three-digit numbers using base-ten numerals, number names, and expanded form". Thursday, we will testing the children to see how they are growing in this area. Thursday or Friday we will also be giving our next pretest on their use of place value understanding and properties of operations to add and subtract.

Spelling: Save each list!!! Review **ALL** the words!!! They will be tested continuously on **ALL** of them.

Reading: After reading a story, the children are required to answer **who, what, where, when, why and how** questions to demonstrate understanding of the text. Be sure to quiz them at home after they read.

***It's time... the children need to be reading and taking AR tests. This 9 week period, the goal is set for 5 points. I will be charting their points to make sure they are aware of how many points they have earned. Remember...READ, READ, READ!

Science: Our **Matter Mania** is next week! I believe we need one more volunteer. Check out SignUp Genius.

GM Foundation: Remember the class with the highest **percentage** (participation- be it \$1.00, \$10.00, or \$100.00) among 2nd and 3rd Grade Classes will receive an art party to paint the compost bin and the rain barrel. These will be permanently displayed in the Garrison Mill garden and treats will accompany the party.

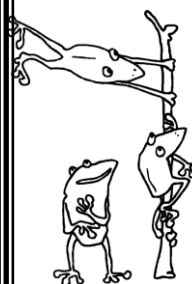
Social Studies: We have not started our unit in Social Studies yet. Once we finish our science for this 9 week period, we will move on to Social Studies.

Writing: We are working on Narrative writing. This piece needs to have a sequence of events, include details to describe actions, thoughts, and feelings, use temporal words to signal event order, and provide a sense of closure. The children will be writing about a time they were scared.

Word of the Week: The word for this week is "**ponder**". See how many times you can use the word this week and if your child notices. I believe the more they hear, see, and use their words the more it will become a part of their everyday language.

Extra Credit: I will frequently throughout an extra credit incentive. It may be to look up a word, or do an extra math page or problems, find out an interesting fact, etc. The only consequence is ... they learn something new and earn stickers for their

9-10 Science.. Matter Mania for our class	
9-11 Patriot Day (wear Red, White, and Blue)	
9-13 Fall Picture Day	
9-16 Reading Night (6:00)	



Other News:

Remember, **HEALTHY NO MESS SNACKS!** They eat while they work. Thank you! Suggestions: fresh fruit, fruit cups (please drain and put in an easy open container), dried fruit, vegetables, rice cakes, popcorn, crackers, cheese, pretzels, trail mix, whole grain cereal and breakfast bars... Thank you ahead of time for staying away from the "sugary" snacks!



NEEDED...

We will be having Matter Mania in the science lab on September 10th, 12:40-1:25. In order to make these centers and experiments run smoothly, we need 5 parent volunteers. One more volunteer needed! Thanks!