

Mrs. Dunklee's Class

2nd Grade Weekly Newsletter

Week of August 29th – September 2nd

Dates to Remember

- Aug. 30 – Early Release
@ 2:00
- Sept. 2nd – MAP Reading Test
- Sept. 2nd – Picture Day
- Sept. 5th – No School
- Sept. 7th – PTO Skating Party 4-6
- Sept. 13th – Early Release

News From the Teacher

Your child brought home his/her first spelling list in the planner on Friday. Here is some information to clarify our spelling program.

- Children who missed zero or one on the pretest will be tested on the challenge words. All others will study the list words.
- Both lists follow the same phonetic pattern.
- Spelling tests will be given on Thursdays. The words will be given in dictation sentences.
- When grading the dictation sentences, I will grade each student on handwriting, punctuation, capitalization, and the spelling of their spelling words.
- New spelling lists will be sent home on Fridays.

Picture Day is on Friday. An order packet will come home in your child's folder on Monday.

Schedule & Agenda

Please make sure you check your child's "P.A.N.T.H.E.R Binder" for daily reminders and assignments! Below is just a "general" activities schedule! **Don't forget to read for 20 minutes each night.**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Day: C	Day: D	Day: E	Day: A	Day: B
Spanish/PE BEAR Log Due	Music/Spanish Early Release	Music/PE	Library Day Art Spelling Test	Computer/ REAL
HW: Math 2-1	HW: Math 2-2	HW: Math 2-3	HW: Math 2-4	

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Spelling Words

Spelling Pattern: Short Vowels

Weekly List

1. Sad
2. Jam
3. Fix
4. Got
5. Kick
6. Plus
7. Bend
8. Stop
9. With
10. Him

Challenge List

1. Stamp
2. Rocket
3. Bucket
4. Publish
5. Grand
6. Pickle
7. Member
8. Flags
9. Handstand
10. Unwrap

Reading: All Around Town

Our new theme in reading is *My Roles*. Throughout this theme, students will be learning the humanities concepts related to the roles they play at home, at school, and in their community, as well as the roles they may have in the future. Please help your child relate to the following focus question: **What is my role at home?**

Skills:

- Phonics: Long I and Long a
- Word Study: Contractions
- Vocabulary Strategy: Use Context Clues
- Comprehension Strategy: Determine Important Information
- Comprehension Skill: Determine Author's Purpose
- Grammar: Sentences

Math: Addition Strategies

This week we will begin Topic 2: Addition Strategies. Students will practice adding 0, 1, 2, using doubles, using near doubles, adding in any order, and adding three numbers. We will begin fact fluency tests after Labor Day. Students should be practicing their math facts at home. They can do this on the computer or with flash cards.

Science: What is a Scientist?

This week students will be introduced to what a scientist is, what a scientist does, and what tools a scientist uses.

Social Studies: Citizenship

This week students will finish the unit on Citizenship. We will continue talking about what makes a good citizen, why we have rules, and how to show citizenship in our community.

Writing: Narratives

This week we will continue talking about the writing process that we use in Writer's Workshop.