

Mrs. Dunklee's Class

2nd Grade Weekly Newsletter

Week of September 26-30

Dates to Remember

Sept. 30th – KC Wolf Assembly

Oct. 4th – Early Release

Oct. 6th – Field Trip to Kaleidoscope

Oct. 13th – Picture Retakes

Oct. 14th – No School

News From the Teacher

- What are “brain breaks”? These are times when we need a rest from what we have been thinking about or working on. They are brief transitions between subjects or activities. Often they involve some physical movement. A great website we use frequently is “Go Noodle”. Research shows that Brain Breaks help students move to the next subject or activity with more focus and stamina.
- Please be sure that your child is the BEAR Log and turning it in each week. I have several students who haven't turned one or more of them in this year. The expectation is for each child to have 100 minutes of reading and 25 minutes of math fact practice each week. Thank you for your support.

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: B	Day: C	Day: D	Day: E	Day: A
Comp/REAL BEAR Log Due	Spanish/PE	Music/Spanish Math Fact Quiz	PE/Music Spelling Test	Art Library Day
HW: Math 4-1	HW: Math 4-2	HW: Math 4-3	HW: Math 4-4	

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Spelling Words

Review Week

Weekly List

1. Stop
2. Grade
3. Mail
4. Right
5. Tie
6. Kick
7. Smile
8. Always
9. Cry
10. Find

Challenge List

No Challenge List This Week

Reading: Inquiry Week

What are important roles?: We will be working together in small groups to identify and research roles that we observe at school and in our community. Children will create a poster that gives factual information about their role. They will present their final product to their classmates.

Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge: Students will be working on a variety of skills using this book. They will discuss schema, inferences, memories, and communities. This is a wonderful book that I'm sure the students will enjoy.

Math: Working With Equal Groups

This week we will begin Topic 4: Working with Equal Groups. Students will use repeated addition, build arrays, practice repeated addition, and solve word problems. This is a very short topic. Students will be tested over Topic 4 on Monday, October 3rd. We will continue taking fact fluency quizzes on Wednesdays. The students have done a great job so far! Students should use the provided flashcards to prepare for quizzes each week.

Science: Materials and Their Uses

The kids are having a great time learning about materials and engineering design in our science curriculum. They will be building bridges out of a variety of materials. Then they will check their structures for strength when they are dry and wet. They will collect and analyze data as they work together. Our next focus will be how materials are used.

Writing: Writer's Workshop

This week we will begin discussing How To Writing. Students will hear mentor texts, use time order words, and begin writing their own how to paragraph.