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A Peek at Our Week

Reading: We have completed our first reading unit, Second Grade Growth Spurt. We will spend this week reviewing/learning about the 5 steps of a good retell. Students should include the characters, setting, events, problem and solution. We will also learn a new way to summarize a story by using the strategy Somebody, Wanted, But, So, Then.

Math: We'll end our first math unit focusing on two step word problems. Our first unit test will be this Friday. A study guide went home this past week. Feel free to use it to help your child study. You do not need to return it back to school. Our math test will be set up exactly the way the study guide is set up. Please also continue to practice the addition and subtraction facts at home. Children that have a firm grasp on the basic facts tend to navigate the story problems easier.

Writing: We'll continue our personal narratives. We'll working on showing, not telling (using more specific words and dialogue to help our readers picture out stories), we'll chose the story we want to publish into a final copy and begin editing the piece. We will then begin writing our final copies.

Social Studies: We'll finish up our unit on maps.

7- Habits- We will focus on the third habit, Put first Things first- Work hard THEN play! This means I'll say no to things that I will say no to things that I should not do, I am disciplined and organized, I spend my time on things that are most important, I set priorities, set a schedule and make a plan.

Reminders

Specials this Week- Monday-Music Tuesday- Art Wednesday-Media Thursday- PE Friday- Music

Star of the Week- This week will be Mia.

i-Pads- Our class will use iPads weekly. It would be helpful if your child had a set of headphones or earbuds to keep here at school to use with the iPads.

Please continue to time your child for one minute an evening on the Fluency passages that come home on Monday's and are due back on Friday's. If your child is already reading at a high rate, they can really focus on adding intonation and expression while they are reading rather than just racing through the passage ☺

Upcoming Events

October 26- Trunk or Treat 6:30 p.m.

October 29- Picture Retakes

October 31 - Costume Parade 9:15
Trick or Treating at Nursing Home
10:15-11:15
Half-Day for Student- Dismissal 12:05

November 6- Election Day- No School for students.



Notes from the Teacher



Picture Retakes- Are scheduled for Monday, October 29.

Halloween Celebration- Our school Halloween parade will be on Wednesday, October 31st from 9:15-9:45ish. **We will come back to our classroom and have a snack of donuts and water and leave at 10:15 to Trick-or-Treat at the Lake Orion Nursing home.** This has been a second grade tradition at Blanche Sims for many years. When we get back it will be almost time to go home. Since we are going to the Nursing Home, that will be considered our party ☺ You are more than welcome to join us for our snack and the trip if you would like. Just send me a quick e-mail or note saying you would like to come. **Also, I am asking for a \$2 donation from each child in order to purchase the donuts and water. Please send to school in a baggie labeled Halloween donation.** I have attached a list of ingredients for the donuts from Yates. Please let me know if your child is unable to have a donut due to an allergy and we can make another choice for your child ☺

Downtown Fieldtrip- Thank you very much to all of the chaperones! You helped make our trip run smoothly. I was very impressed by all of my students. It's a great year! We learned so much from our Police Officers and Firefighters. Pictures will be up on the weebly for anyone who would like to see by Tuesday. (address on top of newsletter).

Nursing Home Trick-or-Treat Fieldtrip- If you have not yet turned in your permission slips, please do so ASAP!