

# Stuart Star



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## A Peek at Our Week

**Reading:** We'll begin discussing the expectations for Reader's Workshop. This includes how to choose books and reading spots, real vs. fake reading and the structure of workshop.

**Math:** We'll begin by reviewing basic addition strategies this week. This includes counting on, doubles, doubles plus one and friends of 10.

**Writing:** We'll learn how to write a Weekend Update which we will do every Monday, do an on demand narrative and opinion writing prompt and begin to put together a list of things we love to give us ideas to write about in the future.

**Science-** Last week we began exploring a watermelon. We predicted how much it weighed, if it would sink or float, how many stripes it had etc. This week we will finish our exploration.

## Reminders

**Folder and backpack-** The green superhero folder should come home daily in your child's backpack. Your child will be expected to unpack his/her own backpack each morning and pack it each afternoon. This is a great way for your child to begin assuming some responsibility this year. Also, on the back of the folder you will see a behavior chart. You will be able to see what step your child was on at the end of the day. (If you are not familiar with our school wide behavior system, I will be speaking about it at Curriculum Night.)

**Specials this Week-** Monday-Library Tuesday-Gym, Wednesday-Music, Thursday- Art, Friday- Library

## Upcoming Events

Sept. 12-Curriculum Night-6-6:45 and 7-7:45

Sept. 18-Picture Day

Sept. 21-Family Movie Night, 6:30-8:30 PM

October 2-PTO meeting 4:15 PM

October 5-Fun Run

## Notes from the Teacher

Welcome to 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade. Our first couple of newsletters are usually a little longer because I have a lot to say. I have truly enjoyed getting to know your 2<sup>nd</sup> grader this week! We have worked hard to set up a positive classroom environment. Your child may be tired and irritable at the end of the day. This is normal. Please make sure they are getting enough sleep and are eating a good breakfast every day before school. We are going to have a lot of fun together this year! Please look for newsletters to be sent out by Monday afternoon with a sneak peak at what will be happening in our classroom for the week. I look forward to seeing you at Curriculum night where we will talk more about our classroom procedures and what we will be learning this year as well.

**Snack-** We will be eat snack every morning. Please send in a HEALTHY snack to school with your child. You can send in Cheez-its, goldfish, fruits, veggies etc. but please do not send in anything that contains nuts or cookies, chips or donuts. Students have a hard time focusing if they have a snack of junk food.