

News From 2F!

Friday October 7, 2011

We are moving right along in 2nd grade! Last week we had our first field trip to Polly Hill. We had a beautiful day and enjoyed hunting for seeds! It was also a perfect day for a picnic style snack! Thank you for sending your child in prepared for this day! Another huge thank you for sending in folders every day and returning the math homework workbook each day. We did have a break in math homework earlier in the week as we were taking the G-MADE test in class. We have finished now and have moved back into our math program.

We already celebrated 2 birthdays in the first week of this month! We have had a total of 3 birthdays so far! We did said good bye to another friend in our class....Ashton(that makes 3 since school started!!). He moved to Florida with his family. Lots of transitions for all of us. So we continue to settle in and follow routines in our classroom.

We had our first spelling test this week! We will be learning some "editing" marks that will be used on our spelling tests. These will help students see what they need to practice. Spelling errors will be corrected by them before the test is sent home.

These symbols we will use are:

She wuz happy.
spelling

i went to the store
capitalization

There is a Big cat.
uppercase error

Students will use these editing marks with their writing as well. Connecting our reading and writing together is very important. Many times we have to ask is that how the word looks when I read it? Helping students see that connection helps them to be better spellers.

Just memorizing spelling lists will not carry over to independent writing. Noticing patterns and what words look like will help.

I have finished assessing everyone and reading homework will begin next week. Not everyone will have the same reading homework so please pay attention to what your child needs and receives from school. Again total homework should be 20-30 minutes. Please do not spend more than that each night. Thank you!

We will be reading the story "Julius" in our reader next week. Students will have a new list of spelling words to practice. Please make sure your child reads the list to you each night. We will be doing the writing/spelling work in class. Thank you again for your support.

This is our first 3 Day Weekend! Enjoy the beautiful weather!

Jennifer and Debbie

REMINDERS:

No School Monday 10/10...Columbus Day!

After School Clubs begin next week 10/11.

October 19th....Half Day! Teacher Work Day! Noon Dismissal!

Parent/Teacher Conferences Tues. 10/25, Thurs. 10/27, Wed. 11/2
Noon Dismissal! Please go to Pick a time to sign up or call the office for help. Thank you!

PUMPKIN RUN 1:30 on Wed. 10/26!