

News From 2F

Friday October 21, 2011

October is moving along quickly. We had our first half day and all went well. Next week we will have half days on Tuesday and Thursday for Parent Teacher Conferences, as well as, the following Tuesday the next week! Please remember on these days if your child has a different plan for dismissal to send along a note. After school clubs have started as well. If it is a half day those clubs are not held, but the Boys and Girls Club is open! Thank you so much for communicating any changes as it helps us keep your child safe.

Your child has had two spelling tests so far and another one today! They're learning to make their own corrections using the editing marks they have learned. This again will help them to transfer their spelling to their writing which is our goal. Not just for the spelling test!! Remember a good habit to get into is to have your child read their spelling words each night to you. Many of these words follow a phonics rule and you can add a challenge with your child by finding more words with the same spelling pattern.

Your child brought home reading homework this week for the first time. Some students will be reading books I have sent for them to practice reading out loud to a parent, and some will have a Reading Log to complete each week. The goal for students reading out loud is to improve their rate of reading and accuracy. Reading the same book twice is a good way to improve as well. It becomes familiar and then they can read with expression and use the punctuation correctly. Please make sure you sign and return the reading logs and the **books** on Fridays. Thank you again for your support.

We have a few exciting things happening ahead:

United Nations Day...Monday October 24, 2011 9am(dress warm it is always freezing!! If it rains it will be held in the gym!)

Pumpkin Run...Wednesday October 26, 2011 1:30pm

Orders from PTO Fundraiser due on Friday October 28, 2011

Halloween is fast approaching. Very exciting for many, but it is a "school night" which will make for a few tired goblins(good news for kids, Tuesday is half day!)....so please try to keep it a fairly early night. Remember there is NO CANDY in school. Save those treats for after school. Thank you.

Something new this year is that we are having K-4 Community Meetings in our gym every Friday morning instead of once a month as last year. This is a time that we begin with a greeting, pledge, share news from each class, and share in an activity. Everyone seems to be enjoying the change and it is fun to gather as a group each week.

We also had a chance to use the Apple Cider Press with Melinda in the garden on Thursday afternoon(we are gardening on Thursday afternoons while we can!). We learned that we used a "simple machine" to make the cider. It was delicious!

Have a great weekend!

Jennifer and Debbie