

2nd Grade Weekly Newsletter

October 1 - October 5

Math

- **Unit 1: Addition and Subtraction Within 20**
 - Compare word problems using comparison bars
 - Mixed word problems
 - Quick Quiz #2 on Thursday
 - Word problems with not enough, extra, or hidden information

Math Tip: abcya.com

I love this website! It is totally free and has excellent games that correlate with our second grade curriculum. This week I recommend three games based on base ten blocks: Base Ten Bingo, Base Ten Blocks, and Base Ten Fun. We have been playing them for a rotation during math intervention.

What is Happening

- A BIG thank you to everyone that ordered books in September. The book order should be in by the beginning of the week. Just so you know, every dollar you spend (and I spend) earns Scholastic points for me to spend. I use the points to purchase new books for our classroom library and to add to my read aloud book choices. I am very proud of our classroom library, mainly because it is mostly filled with books as a result of Scholastic book orders. Ordering from the book order benefits everyone in the classroom. So again...THANK YOU!
- We started our kindness posters this week. We will continue next week as well. I hope to post them around the school. It is based off the book *The Jelly Donut Difference*.
- This week we read *The Recess Queen*. Our discussion was AMAZING! We were able to relate the character's actions to character traits. Students were able to give evidence from the text to support their character trait ideas.
- Thank you for perfect attendance on our Thursday test day!
- Just a reminder: I will be out of the building Tuesday and Friday this week.

Reading

- **Setting**
 - Identifying setting
 - *Owl Moon* by Jane Yolen
- **Signpost: Contrast and Contradiction**
 - *Frog and Toad are Friends* by Arnold Lobel

Literacy Tip: How Do I Get My 20 Minutes?

See handout in Reading Tips section of your child's Black Take Home Folder for great ideas to add reading into your routine in addition to the reading homework

ELA

Grammar: Writing questions and compound words
Launching Writing Workshop

- Publishing and celebrating our writing

POW (Paragraph of the Week): A time I helped someone

Starting our Small Moment Unit

Science/Social Studies

- **Unit 1: What is a Community?**
 - Writing about our favorite place in Lewiston

Phonics/Spelling

- Week # 4: short o
- Test on Friday

Calendar

- Oct 3 (Wed): School Picture Day
- **Oct 3 (Wed): K-2 Benchmark Assessment**
- **Oct 4 (Thurs): K-2 Benchmark Assessment**
- Oct 5 (Fri): Progress Reports sent home
- Oct 10 (Wed): Rock Painting Night
- Oct 17 (Wed): ½ Day of School; 11:30 dismissal

Parent Suggestions

- There is a bundle of book orders in the Friday Folder. One of the book orders is Just Right books. If you are interested in ordering books that are at your child's current level, let me know, and I will send you your child's reading level (it is a letter code) in the Black Take Home Folder. My Scholastic online code is H9Q6B.
- October is here and so is cooler weather. Please make sure your child is dressed for the weather and has a light coat or sweatshirt to wear for recess.