

2nd Grade Weekly Newsletter

September 10 - September 14

Math

- **Unit 1: Addition and Subtraction Within 20**
 - relationship between addition and subtraction
 - Math Mountains
 - Counting On strategy
 - Make a Ten strategy
 - Finding unknown addends

Math Tip: 2nd Grade Skills/Terms

In your child's Black Take Home Folder, there is a section for Math Tips. This week's tip is a page about math terms for 2nd grade.

What is Happening

- Welcome back! A BIG thank you for all the supplies. We are well stocked! I appreciate the generosity.
- I have so much to write in this little space! First of all, thank you for sending your wonderful children to me. In 22 years of teaching, I can HONESTLY say this week is one of the BEST first weeks of school I have ever had. Your children are amazing in so many ways.
- We have read several books these first few days. Ask your child about some of the books we have read during our read aloud time, especially what happened when I read *The Book With No Pictures*.
- I have made it a point to focus on the trait of KINDNESS for second grade. We have class meeting time where this is the emphasis. This week we read the book *The Jelly Donut Difference* and talked about what kindness means. I already saw many acts of kindness in the classroom!
- We are doing a GREAT job learning procedures!

Reading

- **Characters and Traits**
 - Main Character and Character Traits
 - *Stand Tall Molly Lou Melon* by Patty Lovell
- **Five Finger Summary**
 - *Frog and Toad are Friends* by Arnold Lobel

Literacy Tip: Sight Words

In your child's Black Take Home Folder, is the list of 2nd grade sight words. Please review a couple words each night from Quarter 1 list. I will be testing students over this list for the first time next week.

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Grammar: Capital letters and punctuation

Launching Writing Workshop

- Writing samples of the main writing genres
- Learning the parts of the writing process

Science/Social Studies

- **Unit 1: What is a Community?**
 - What is a family?
 - Basic needs

Phonics/Spelling

- **Week # 1:** short a
- Test on Friday

Calendar

- Sept 11 (Tue): Cub Scout Pack 3018 sign-up for K-5 at St. Francis Church at 5:30
- Sept 19 (Wed): PTO at 6:00 pm
- Sept 27 (Thurs): Student Run Credit Union
- Oct 3 (Wed): School Picture Day
- Oct 5 (Fri): Progress Reports sent home
- Oct 17 (Wed): ½ Day of School; 11:30 dismissal

Parent Suggestions

- **Book orders are due Sept 21 (a Friday).** If you would like to visit the Scholastic book site and place your order from there, my code is **H9Q6B**. Please make checks out to Scholastic Book Club if you are paying by check.
- If you get a chance, check out our school! This year's theme is Lewiston School Shines. The hallways are decorated with stars and things that sparkle and shine. Also, the rocks from last year's theme Lewiston School Rocks are displayed in the flower beds in front of the school. They look awesome!