



### Upcoming Dates

- Monday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> ED Team Meeting  
All parents welcome!
- Friday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> No School - Teacher Professional Development Day

### Important Information

- Ms. McCarthy will be out of the classroom on Wednesday and Thursday this week. Lauren Hager will be the substitute for both days. She is a veteran High Peaks mom and a long time substitute here at High Peaks.
- Please scroll down to the next page of this newsletter for this week's spelling and math homework.

### Reading Community

During reading comprehension time, we are using schema and making connections (schema is prior knowledge a reader brings to a text)! Readers are constructing meaning by making connections between their prior knowledge and new information in the text. The students are learning to connect what they know from their own experiences to stories before, during, and after read aloud. Students are learning how to be responsible during our "Reading Together" time. Ask your child what it means to be responsible during read-aloud.

### Fairy Tale Retellings

Last week, the students heard the tale of *Rumpelstiltskin*. This week we'll be telling the tale of *Rapunzel* and the tale of *Jack and the Beanstalk*. Ask your child to retell you one of his/her favorite fairy tale stories. While they retell the tale, listen for the following parts of a retell: who? (main characters), where? (setting), what was the problem? and how was it solved? Next week, we will hear the tale of *Hansel and Gretel*.

### Habitats

**Last week :** The students made large habitat murals. They worked in habitat teams to create large animal habitats focusing on the BIG IDEA: Animals live where they can best survive: with food, space, shelter, and water. Come visit these incredible habitats hanging in our hallway!

**This week :** We will focus on understanding the basics of animal classification and animal food chains. The students will be sorting animals into groups: reptiles, amphibians, mammals, AND herbivores, carnivores, and omnivores. We will end the week by playing a Food Chain Game. On Thursday, ask your child about the game!

### Special Unit Homework

The students are really enjoying the Habitat Backpacks. Every child will have a turn to take a backpack home during the next 2 weeks. Each student will get the backpack for one night. On this night, your child will not be required to do the regular homework. Please look for specific instructions on bright yellow paper inside the backpack.

Monday	Math Home Link 2.1	page 21
	Please rip this page out of the book and return this home link tomorrow. We will be using it for math in the morning.	
Tuesday	Math Home Link 2.2	page 23
Wednesday	Math Home Link 2.3	page 25
Thursday	Math Home Link 2.4	page 27
Friday	Catch up on pages you missed this week!	

Have a wonderful week!

Cheryl

Math and Spelling Homework for the week of September 14 - 17<sup>th</sup>

The math Home Links book and math pages stay at home.

Please remember to have your child check off his/her homework on the homework log.

### Spelling and Word Skills Homework:

This week please complete pages 10, 11, 12, and 13 in your Practice Book. This book will come home on Monday and needs to be returned on Friday.

Parents: Please write your initials and draw a star on the top of the page to show that you checked your child's spelling homework.