



Upcoming Dates

- Thursday, September 30th Math Night 6:30 - 7:30 PM. All families welcome!

Important Information

- On Friday, please look for important papers in your child's homework folder. This Friday you will see a first draft of our class phone tree.
- A Classroom Volunteer Sign-up sheet will also come home on Friday. Please look for this form and return it next week.
- Please scroll down to the next page of this newsletter for the week's spelling and math homework.

Reading Assessments

We are currently administering the district reading assessments. These are called the DRA (Developmental Reading Assessment). Each student will be assessed before October 1st. Your child may not meet with his/her regular reading group on the day that he/she is assessed. It takes more than one day to assess each child. These assessments will continue for the rest of this month. If your child does not bring a reading group book home, please read a book from home with him/her. Thank you for being flexible and patient with these assessments and the changes to our daily schedule. We should be all set and running a regular routine with classroom volunteers and regular reading groups by October 1st!

Fairy Tale Summaries

Our Fairy Tale Unit is coming to a close. These past couple of weeks, we have been practicing oral retellings of fairy tales using wood characters and props. Each week, we have introduced two new stories, and we tell them several times. Then the students have opportunities to tell them themselves. We will read different versions of the fairy tales and then write the important parts of a summary together. During reading, we are focusing on the following parts of a summary retell: who? (characters), where? (setting), what? (problem), and how? (solution). Ask your child to tell you about his/her favorite fairy tale! This week, we will focus on *Hansel and Gretel*.

Habitat News

We're wrapping up our unit on habitats! For the past few weeks, the students have done the following activities:

- Designed habitat murals. These fantastic murals are on our bulletin boards. Come check them out!
- Built realistic habitat boxes that have everything a habitat needs: food, shelter, water, and space! These boxes are in the classrooms and hallway. Come check them out!
- Created Endangered Animal Posters to help teach kids around the school about ways to help save animals and plants from becoming extinct.

Habitat Assessment

On Tuesday, we'll conclude this unit with a special habitat assessment. For this assessment, each student will need to create an animal and design its habitat. They will need to tell what its name is, where it lives, what it eats, where it sleeps, and who its predators are.

On Tuesday, talk with your child about his/her assessment and help him/her brainstorm ideas! Special thanks to everyone who helped with the activities for this unit!

Monday	Today we built Habitat Boxes. There is no regular math homework tonight. Please ask your child what he/she would like to practice for math tonight.	
Tuesday	Math Home Link 2.5	page 29
Wednesday	Math Home Link 2.6	page 31
Thursday	Math Home Link 2.7	page 33
Friday	Catch up on pages you missed this week!	

Have a wonderful week!

Math and Spelling Homework for the week of September 21st - 25th

**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 14, 15, & 16 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.

