



THE SECOND PEAK 9/17/09

Important Dates

- September 18th No School
- September 30th Math Night
6:30-7:30
- October 1st - **Homework Log
Due**

Literacy

Our reading groups are changing on Monday. Ask your child what book they are reading. In second grade the students do not move reading levels as quickly as in kindergarten and first grades. When we change groups it may be based on level or lesson focus for a group at the same level. We are currently testing the students reading fluency, comprehension and reading engagement using the Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA), which is a district reading assessment. We use the assessment results to drive our reading group instruction.

Spelling

The second graders need to complete 3 spelling pages per week in their Spelling Journal. Please make sure your child is working on the correct unit that corresponds with the spelling unit we are working on that week. You can find out what unit we are working on by checking in your child's folder each Monday for his/her spelling dictation pre-assessment. The location of the unit # in the spelling journal is on the bottom of each journal page. The students may complete more than the three pages in unit we are working on if they chose, however, they may not go ahead. Each Friday, or last day of the school week, the students need to bring in their spelling journal to be checked for completion. **Please initial your child's pages before they come back to school.** this helps us to know that you have corrected any mistakes with your child.

Social Studies

We continue to explore our world using maps and globes. The 2nd graders have mapped our classroom and found directions using compasses on our playground. We will be mapping our building next week, exploring all of our new spaces! Our Globe and Map Unit will end up with the study of North and South America maps. We will

be locating landforms and countries.

Science

The students have begun their study of Life Cycles. This week we covered the life cycle of a chicken and the students answered the question "Which came first, the chicken or the egg?" Ask your child which they chose. Next week we will study the life cycle of a frog.

Math

Unit 2 focuses on addition strategies such as turn around facts, +9 shortcut, doubles, subtraction from addition problems and fact families. These strategies are focused on building "Fact Power" which means knowing math facts without even thinking about them.

The students are still working on their addition fast facts. They have 1 minute to complete 25 problems. You will see these coming home during the week. We are looking for improvement and automaticity. Please help your child set a goal each week to improve their score.

Math Homework

Your child writes the math lesson number on their folder each day before leaving school, this is the homework they need to complete that night.

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