



## **THE SECOND PEAK 10/3/09**

### **Important Dates**

- Oct. 19-22 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- October 30 Halloween Party

*Parents, we are in need of more hand sanitizer. If possible, please send in a bottle with your child. Thank you.*

### **Literacy**

We began new reading groups this week. After the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders read, they have a written comprehension piece to accomplish. Ask your child what book they are reading. It is a good idea at home to monitor your child's reading for a "just right read" for their reading homework. A just right read is a book that they can read without too many mistakes. For example, a paragraph with no more than 5 words that are difficult.

### **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.

### **Science**

Our classes are studying the life cycle of a plant. We conducted an experiment with lima beans. The 2<sup>nd</sup> graders studied the different parts of a seed after we took the seed coat off. Then we painted pictures of Stargazer lilies and

labeled the different parts of a flower. Next week we begin our science reports on a cycle of the student's choosing; **frog cycle, chicken cycle or a plant cycle.**

Ask your child which life cycle they have chosen to report.

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### **Math**

We begin Unit 3 on Monday.

We will be studying numeration, place value, using coins to buy things, telling time, entering data in a table & finding the middle value, making change by counting up and exchanging coins. We will be adding to our study frames and arrows with 2 rules.

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.

### **Contact Information**