



THE SECOND PEAK 10/16/09

Important Dates

- Oct. 19-22 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- October 30th Halloween Party
- Friday, Nov. 6th War of 1812 Play - in our classroom
Behnfield: 8:30-9:00am
Barrette: 9:00-9:30am

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

Halloween

The students may wear their costumes to school. There is an all school assembly at 1:30 in the gym. A parade will follow the assembly, all parents are invited to the assembly and parade. Our classroom parties will start immediately after the parade. Please help your child make a comfortable choice in their

costume as they will be in it for the whole day. Also, costumes may not be accompanied by weapons or face paint.

Literacy

We are focusing on fluency and endurance in reading groups. Please have your child read aloud to you for their homework log. Practice character voices. Remind your child that rereading a book allows for fluency practice. 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 finishing the studying the water cycles We conducted an experiment testing for evaporation in our classroom. Come in and peek at the Life Cycle reports that our students completed last week.

Social Studies

Our next unit of study is Constitution review. The focus is the Bill of Rights and the Amendments. After that, we are on to the War of 1812.

Math

We begin Unit 4 on Monday. We will be studying addition number stories, temperature, estimation, making change and the partial-sums algorithm. 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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