



THE SECOND PEAK 10/30/09

Important Dates

- Nov. 4th - Math Journals Due
- Friday, Nov. 6th War of 1812 Play - in our classroom
Behnfield: 8:30-9:00am
Barrette: 9:00-9:30am
- Nov. 11th Veteran's Day
No School
- Nov. 13th -Report cards sent home

Thank you for sending in hand sanitizer. We really appreciate it.

Literacy

We are changing reading groups Nov. 2nd. Our focus continues to be fluency and endurance. Here's a strategy tip; if your child is having trouble with a word have them skip over it and finish the sentence. Then go back and look at the word

to see if they can make meaning from the sentence. Please have your child read aloud to you for their homework log. Practice character voices - it makes reading fun! Remind your child that rereading a book allows for fluency practice. We make an effort to see that your student comes home with a just right read from the library so they can read it at home. 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 the 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 finished our review of the Constitution. The 2nd graders drew Independence Hall and we acted out 4 of the Bill of Rights. Now we are in the midst of the War of 1812. Ask your child about impressments, James & Dolley Madison and the naval battles we are studying. Our culminating event is a play of the War of 1812.

Math

MATH JOURNAL DUE NOV. 4TH!

In unit 4 we are learning to estimate, make change and the partial-sums algorithm. Making change is a great way to help your child out at home. Pull out some change and make up items to shop for. Then have your child count up to make change. **Example: A toy is \$0.52. You pay with 3 quarters. How much change do I get back? PPPDD.**

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

We are working on estimating and rounding numbers to the nearest 10. Next week we will be learning the partial sums algorithm. We will at a later date be teaching the traditional 2 digit addition algorithm. Please help your child with the partial sums as it is just another tool in their pocket for math.

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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