



FRIDGE NOTES

Mrs. McBride's Class Family

May 26th – May 30th

There will be no school this Monday, May 26th in honor of Memorial Day.

There will be a special writing homework assignment on Wednesday called "Teach the Class." I am asking the students to write a short paragraph that explains something they would like to teach the class how to do. This mini-project is not due until Monday, June 2nd and we will spend the last few of days of school learning from each other. Please email me if you have any questions.

Our 2nd Grade End-Of--Year Party will be this Friday, May 30th from 1:30-2:30. The celebration will begin in the cafeteria with an ice cream sundae bar from 1:30-2:00 and then move down to the 2nd grade hallway from 2:00-2:30. I sent home a letter last week requesting donations for the party. These donations are due this Tuesday, May 27th so the room parents can make sure they have everything they need. All parents are invited to come help out and celebrate the end of an amazing year!

Important Dates

Monday, May 26th-
Memorial Day
NO SCHOOL

Friday, May 30th-
2nd Grade End-Of-Year Party

Reading

This week in reading we will review all of the skills from the past few weeks and take our final Benchmark Test of the year! We will break the test up into smaller chunks and work on one section each day. The first two days will involve reading and analyzing texts. The third day will focus on all of the phonics patterns and rules we have been working on (vowel diphthongs *oo, ou, ue, ew*; vowel diphthongs *oi/oy, ow/ou*; long vowel patterns; and the final stable syllable *-le*. The last day will involve reading a complex text and responding in writing.

Writing

This week we will also take the Unit 6 Benchmark Test on all of the language arts skills we have been working on: contractions; possessive nouns; possessive pronouns; adjectives versus adverbs; and editing sentences.

Math

This week will review two of the trickiest 2nd grade skills: time and money! We will practice counting groups of coins, review terms like "half past," "quarter 'till," A.M. and P.M. To help us get ready for 3rd grade, we will also begin learning about elapsed time. *For example: If you put cookies in the oven at 2:35 and took them out of the oven at 2:55, how long did the cookies bake?* To make this concept more concrete, we will actually model the passing of time on real clocks. This allows the students to count on the clock as they move the minute/hour hands forward or backward.

Science & Social Studies

We will wrap up our unit on the human body before doing a quick social studies unit to finish out the year! We will do an introduction to economics, focusing on how goods and services are exchanged in communities. The students will experience how they act as both consumers and producers. As you are out and about with your child, point out ways you purchase goods and services and act as a consumer.