



FRIDGE NOTES

Mrs. McBride's Class Family

September 1st – September 5th

Spelling homework has been moved to Wednesday this week because of the 3-day weekend. We will still have our spelling quiz on Friday. Remember, you can find the spelling words on the Homework Log, which is always posted by Friday afternoon on our class blog. Spelling homework involves picking 2 activities from the "40 Fun Ways to Practice Spelling" chart. Please include the numbers and names of the activities that you choose. If you are writing a note about an activity your child did but cannot bring to school, please attach it to the other activity. It can be difficult for me to keep track when the activities are in different places, and I want to make sure I give everyone full credit. Also, I encourage students to practice spelling all week long, but spelling homework from the chart is only due on Mondays (Wednesday this week). You do not have to turn in spelling activities each night. This week it will definitely be a good idea to begin practicing the spelling words before Wednesday's homework!

Congratulations to last week's Principal's Award winner, Ella!

Important Dates

Monday, September 2-
Labor Day- NO SCHOOL

Friday, September 5-
New Parent/ADDitions
Orientation

Reading

We are continuing our unit on story structure by reading another *Henry and Mudge* book. This week the students will try to independently apply everything they learned last week, including identifying the specific story elements and retelling the beginning, middle, and end. Since the stories are from the same series, this will also provide us with a great opportunity to compare and contrast between books.

Our phonics skills for the week will be short *e*, *o*, and *u* words and CVC (Consonant-Vowel-Consonant) syllables. For vocabulary, we will learn how to use a glossary when we read more subject-specific informational texts.

Writing

Thank you for helping your child decorate his/her Writer's Notebook. Personalizing the Writer's Notebook helps each child view his/her writing as unique and special. Plus, a decorated notebook is much more inspiring than a boring black and white one! The kids were so excited to write in them!

We will continue working on forming proper simple sentences. We will review subject and predicate and also focus on types of punctuation. Additionally, we will learn how to tell when a sentence is a run on sentence that needs to be divided into 2 simple sentences.

Math

This week in math we will work on place value concepts. We will begin by reviewing some place value vocabulary, such as *digits*, *tens* and *ones*. Then we will learn a variety of ways to name a number:
Standard Form: 27
Expanded Form: 20+7
Word Form: *twenty-seven*
The trickiest of these is expanded form, but it is also the most critical for developing a strong foundation in number sense. Expanded form focuses on the value of each digit, which will come into play when we move onto more difficult math concepts later on in the year, such as regrouping.

Science & Social Studies

In social studies, we are continuing to find examples of ways we can be good citizens. We've been focusing on the classroom level, but now we will move to the community level.

We will continue our science unit on weather this week by introducing the water cycle and experimenting with evaporation. The students will also learn the term *precipitation*, which is a great vocabulary word to listen for during weather reports. We will watch some videos that illustrate the water cycle in action, as well as perform our own experiments to test how evaporation and condensation work.

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