



FRIDGE NOTES

Mrs. McBride's Class Family

September 22nd – September 26th

Thank you for the terrific turnout at Open House! I hope that you found it informative and that you enjoyed getting a little glimpse into our 2nd grade world.

If you did not get a chance to sign-up for an October conference at Open House and would like to meet, please email me to arrange a time. In preparation of these conferences, you child will be bringing home a yellow pre-conference form for you to complete. This form helps me prepare for our conference and ensures that we cover all the topics that are important to you. Please complete the form and return it to school as soon as possible.

We were supposed to have FAIR testing this Monday, but the state has suspended this assessment due to technical difficulties. I will let you know if I hear any updates. Until then, your child's progress will continued to be monitored closely through daily classroom assessments.

Donuts with Dad is this Wednesday, September 24th from 8:00-9:00 in the cafeteria. This is a date change, so please mark it on your calendars. Come enjoy a donut to kick-off your Wednesday morning!

This Friday is Picture Day. Make sure your child dresses nicely and brings his/her best smile!

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

Important Dates

Wednesday, September 24-
Donuts with Dad

Friday, September 26-
Picture Day

Reading

This week are focusing on using key details from the illustrations and words to help us answer questions with text evidence. Being able to cite text evidence is one of the major focuses of the Common Core State Standards, and something that we will continue to emphasize throughout the year. The students will learn how to state an answer and then "back it up" with text evidence sentence stems (*According to the text... The author stated... On page __ it said...*).

Our phonics skill will be consonant blends with *r, l, s* (*break, flip, stand*). For vocabulary, we will learn about root/base words and the suffixes *-ed* and *-ing*. We will learn how adding these endings changes the meaning of the word.

Writing

We didn't quite make it to nouns last week, but that's okay because we are continuing to learn about them this week! After learning what a noun is, we will move on to distinguishing between singular and plural nouns. To make most nouns plural, we simply add an *-s* to the end. We will discover, though, that there are times when we must add *-es* (words that end in *s, x, ch, or sh*) or *-ies* (words that end in *y*), and that there are some even nouns that change completely (*mouse* → *mice*)!

Math

The students are gaining a stronger understanding of place value and becoming more comfortable with some of the more difficult math vocabulary (*value, digit, expanded form, standard form, etc.*) This week we will continue to manipulate 3-digit numbers and break them down in different ways.

Science & Social Studies

This week is Celebrate Freedom week and we are celebrating by learning about some of the important freedoms we have as American citizens, such as free speech, freedom of religion, and the right to vote.

We are wrapping up our weather unit in science this week with some cumulative activities about weather patterns, seasons, severe weather, and the water cycle.

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