



FRIDGE NOTES

Mrs. McBride's Class Family

May 4th – May 8th

All 2nd graders will take the IOWA Test of Basic Skills this week. **We will take the reading sections on Wednesday and the math sections on Thursday.** This test is NOT aligned to the Florida Standards/Common Core. Instead, it is a normed test that will compare your child's scores to other children across the country. Please make sure that your child gets a good night's sleep and eats a big, healthy breakfast. This will help all our students do their best and show what they know! ☺

Important Dates

Wednesday, May 6-
IOWA Assessment- Reading

Thursday, May 7-
IOWA Assessment: Math

Wednesday, May 13-
2nd/ 3rd Grades Field Day

Reading

We will be reading a narrative text called *The Mysterious Tadpole*. This story is a fun fantasy-twist on the life cycle of a tadpole. We will compare and contrast the illustrations of the "tadpole" in this story to a photograph of a real tadpole to decide if we think the tadpole in the story is really a tadpole.

Our phonics skill will be words with *oo*, like in the word "hook." For vocabulary, we revisit "shades of meaning" and work on using context clues to select the best synonym for a sentence.

Writing

This week we will focus on the difference between adverbs and adjectives. We will look at several example sentences and determine which part of speech is being used. We will also work on expanding simple sentences by adding adverbs and/or adjectives. We will start with boring "vanilla ice cream" sentences and use adjectives and adverb "toppings" to create "sentence sundaes!"

Math

This week we will review some of the trickier 2nd grade math skills in preparation for the IOWA test on Thursday, including money, time, 3-digit addition and subtraction, and problem solving.

Science & Social Studies

This week 2nd grade will launch its community service project! We will discuss the importance of giving back to our community. One way we can do this is by providing goods and services for free. The students will make stained glass butterflies to spread some cheer to nursing home residents. By producing these goods, we are also reinforcing our social studies unit on economics!