

2nd Grade News

Week of October 5-
October 9

Reading/Language Arts

This week in reading, we will take our first Unit Benchmark Test of the school year. This assessment consists of different reading passages and questions that incorporate a variety of reading skills and strategies. We will break the test up into smaller chunks and work on one section each day. The first few days will involve reading and analyzing texts. The last day will focus on all of the phonics patterns and rules we have been working on (short vowels, long vowels with the magic-e, hard/soft c, hard/soft g, and consonant blends). This test helps students begin to build their reading stamina, which will prepare them for the state reading test they will take next year in third grade.

We will also assess the Language Arts skills we've been working on: subject vs predicate; complete sentence;; the four types of sentences (statements, questions, exclamations, commands); nouns; and singular vs plural.

Important Dates

October 6- Hearing Screenings

October 7- International Walk to
School Day

Wed. October 14-
No Early Release
(School will dismiss at 3:15)

Math

We are nearing the end of our study of *Numbers to 1,000*. This Friday, we will take the unit test. Students will come home with 2 study guides on Thursday night: one that will show work samples of what we covered in class, and one with a sampling of problems to solve to prepare for the test. Please go over both of these with your child on Thurs. night before the test.

Social Studies/Science

We are learning about the history of the United States by being able to recognize important US symbols. The important buildings around the country, the United States flag, and the Constitution are just a few.

As mentioned in more detail over in the "Reading/Language Arts" section, this week we will be taking our first major tests in Reading and Language Arts. These tests will have a major impact on your child's ELA grade, so please review some test taking strategies at home. We will discuss them in class, as well, but here are some helpful reminders:

- Read all directions carefully.
- Take your time.
- Double check your work.
- Reread to find the answer- don't just guess or go off of memory.
- Try your best and ask for help if you need it!