



Mrs. Nelson's Class News

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Math

Where we have been:

We have completed Topic 2: Addition Strategies as well as Topic 3: Subtraction Strategies. Both helped to teach basic computation.

Where we are going:

Our class is currently working on Topic 4: Place Value to 100. We will also be starting Topic 5: Counting Money this month.

Ways to help your child at home:

- * practice math facts
- * skip count with your child (count by 2's 3's 5's)
- * have your child count extra change

Literacy

Nightly Homework: Thank you for all of your support with you child nightly baggy book! The skill for this month is visualization. You child needs to draw a picture of what they picture in their mind as they read.

Comprehension Skills: In October we will be focusing in these comprehension skills: context clues, problem and solution, and making inferences.

Skill Groups: Second grade has started skill groups that will help us meet the individual needs within the grade level! At conferences we can talk about which skill is being targeted for your child.

Spelling Words: Each spelling list is connected to the phonics skill for the week.

Helping your child with spelling:

- * Have you child practice the spelling list each night
- * Have to child explain the skill to reinforce the spelling rule!

Science

We are finishing up our study of plants this month. Your child has learned so many new things about plants including, the parts of a plant, each parts purpose, ways seed travel, different types of plant you can eat, and more! We will be finishing up our unit of plant study with a trip to Chimney Rock and the pumpkin patch.

Upcoming Events:



- October 4- Picture Day
- October 10- District Inservice- NO SCHOOL
- October 18- End of 1st Quarter
- October 18- 2nd Grade Field Trip to Chimney Rock/ Chimney Rock Pumpkin Patch
- October 20- NO SCHOOL- Parent Teacher Conferences
- October 21- NO SCHOOL
- October 25- Parent/ Teacher Conferences 3-7pm
- October 28- Classroom Halloween Party in the afternoon (more info to come)



MISSION

We are committed to learning for all.

Conferences:

It is mandatory for me to meet with every family for our fall conferences. I am looking forward to meeting with you at your child's fall conference.

I will be sending home information for us to find a time that will work best! Attached to that will be a parent survey that will help me prepare for your child's conference. Please return it to school at your earliest convenience.

Our Specials Schedule

Day 1 Computer/Library
Day 2 Art
Day 3 Spanish
Day 4 Computer/Library
Day 5 P.E.
Day 6 Music



Book Orders

Book Orders are due on October 17. You may send in a **check made payable to: Scholastic Book Clubs** or you will be able to **order your books online.**

Website

Don't forget to visit our website at <http://mrsnelsons2ndgrade.weebly.com/>

Baggy Books

With many vacation days this month, I am asking that students read M-F school or no school. It is so important for them to be reading at least 15 minutes a day. So please help your child to read every night M-F. Please don't forget to initial your child's Baggy Book for every "pumpkin" that is filled in on a nightly basis. The kids are working really hard to fill in more pumpkins this month.

1 pumpkin= 15 minutes of reading

So if your child read for 45 minutes they get to fill in 3 pumpkins for that night.



The Weather Is Changing

It's that time of year again where the weather is changing. (Already☺) With many types of colds and flu's floating around please be sure to send your child to school with a jacket so we are prepared for our beautiful Colorado weather. Also, as always, a good nights sleep and a healthy breakfast will give your child a boost when it comes to fighting off those pesky germs.



Bayfield Elementary Vision

We will become an exemplary district recognized for the achievement of its students and quality of its staff.

I am attaching our daily schedule to this month's newsletter. Hopefully this will give you an idea of what your child is up to on a daily basis😊



DAILY SCHEDULE: 2ND GRADE

7:55-8:05-GEAR UP
8:05-9:30-MATH/MATH RTI
9:30-9:45 RECESS
9:45-11:15 READING- AM RTI
11:20-12:20 SPECIALS
12:20-1:00 LUNCH/RECESS
1:00-1:30 PM RTI
1:30-1:45 HANDWRITING
1:45-1:55 RECESS
1:55-2:55 WRITING
2:55-3:05 WRAP UP
3:05- DISMISS

*subject to change :)

