

The Second Grade Newsletter

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Mrs. Naylor

"Community in the Classroom"



Special thanks to Fire Chief Theo Roberts and Sheila Roberts, 1LT Dan Naylor, and Officer Tim Jones for making our "Community Workers" Unit a huge success!

Dear Parents,

If you haven't heard yet from your child, we have had quite an exciting past few days in Social Studies class! Several members in our community have so generously volunteered their time to share with the students about their job and most importantly, how they help to make our community a better place. The students have done a great job asking thoughtful questions and have been so engaged with each visitor's presentation. Hopefully this will be a memorable event so that someday when they are the leaders of our community, they too will take pride in their careers and share with the youth how important it is to be a good citizen, guaranteeing a bright future for their community. I also want to recognize Mrs. Cole and Mrs. Hyde, both working the Heath field, who together will be sharing the important role they serve in our community early in October.

Every month I will be sending home a newsletter, similar to this, to keep you updated on some of the things we have been and will be doing in the classroom as well as important dates in the near future.

Reading/Language Arts: We have completed our first round of Reading Centers (phonics, computer, poetry, writing, art, independent reading, and listening), and I have met several times with each reading group, specifically focusing on fluency and comprehension. Over the next few weeks, we will work on sequencing all the events within a story into the beginning, middle, and end categories. Please encourage your child to read at least 15 minutes at home each night, reinforcing these skills.

Phonics: After completing CVC (i.e. cat), sounds of "c" and "g", and making cupcakes to internalize CVCe words (i.e. home- and be sure to ask your child how cupcakes relate to CVCe words!), we will soon be covering blends (cr, fr, gl, tr, etc.), CVVC words (feet) and then compound words (homerun).

Math: We are just completing Chapter 1 this week and will soon be starting on Chapter 2 which will focus on addition and subtraction strategies (doubles, making tens, and three addends).

Social Studies: Our Communities unit will soon be coming to an end as we still need to complete lessons on recycling and map skills. This should lead us into mid- October when we will then switch over to Science.

Upcoming Events/Important Dates:

-Field Trip to Bear Creek on Thursday, September 27th * Remember to pack a bagged lunch with their name written on the bag for the day of the trip!

- With the cooler weather that is beginning to arrive, please remember to dress your child appropriately.

- I would like to thank you all for your consistency in signing your child's planner. The students' organizational skills and responsibility levels continue to improve and it is a great way for us to keep in contact. As always, feel free to write me a note or send me an email if you ever have any questions or concerns.