



2nd Grade Newsletter October

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Hello second grade parents!

We are off to a great start in the 2nd grade. Here are some notes of importance. Please let us know if you can't make your conference time and need to re-schedule. The system will send you a reminder email. You should only sign up for a conference with your homeroom teacher. Questions should be directed to the math/reading teacher through email or Talking Points.

Reading

Reading Mastery 2 (Mrs. Duesterhaus) is progressing. Please practice finger pointing with your children. Their finger should be directly under the word they are reading. This helps with fluency. Please continue to have your child read to you every night. The expectation is to sit alongside your child so that you can be certain that they are not skipping/adding or changing words. If they do, just tell them their error and have them repeat the sentence that they made the error. Keep upbeat and the children will remain upbeat as well. Congratulate them for working so persistently after a particularly hard sentence.

Reading Mastery 3 (Mrs. Sonntag) - Students are making good gains and have adjusted well to our routines. I have noticed that they are doing a better job pointing during class. Thank you for the time you spend sitting next to your child reading each night! It is a crucial part of our program. When watching and listening to your child read, if they make an error, tell them the word and have them repeat the sentence. Encourage, congratulate, and enjoy the time with your child! If you have any questions, please let me know.

Math

Saxon 2 (Mrs. Sonntag) - Students are off to a fantastic start. Our program begins with a review and will progress to new content soon. This has given us a chance to build success and establish routines. I appreciate the time you take to work on the homework with your child. Please remember to sign the back of the fact practice and follow the directions for checking. Math fact knowledge is a building block for success in Math. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Saxon 3 (Mrs. Duesterhaus) - The children have been doing well in math class. Please have your child always complete all pages in the lesson packet, if for some reason we do not finish it in class or your child is absent from class. Facts remain the key to success at this math level. Please study the following addition facts: +0,+1,+2,+3,+4,+9, Doubles (1+1, 6+6, et cetera), and sums of 10 (1+9, 2+9, 3+7 et cetera). Remind them not to get "tricked" by double direction problems and to always put the date on their homework page. Please remind them to slow down and not rush through their work! This is when silly mistakes are made. This is especially important on math tests!



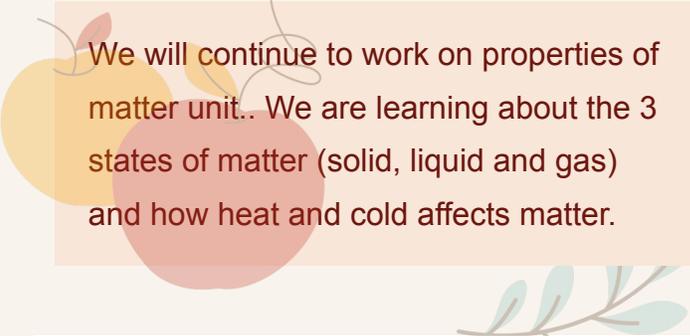
Classroom Newsletter

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Core Virtues

Our core virtue for October is responsibility.

Science



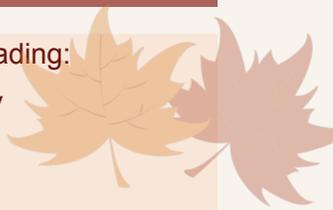
We will continue to work on properties of matter unit.. We are learning about the 3 states of matter (solid, liquid and gas) and how heat and cold affects matter.

History/Geography

History/Geography: We will study the American Revolution this month. Students will review prior knowledge. They will study the Constitution and learn why it is the highest law of our land. If your child would like, they can memorize the Preamble to the Constitution. For practice at home, it is OK to use the Schoolhouse Rock jingle. We allow students to sing it to us. James Madison, the “Father of the Constitution” and the significance of his place in history will be discussed. The month will end with the students talking about Government by the consent of the governed: “We the people.”

Literature

For poetry this month, we will be reading:

- *Bee! I'm expecting you* by Emily Dickinson
 - *Caterpillars* by Aileen Fisher
 - *Discovery* by Harry Behn
 - *Hurt No Living Thing* by Christina Rossetti
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We will also be reading the story, *Peter Pan* by J. M. Barrie.

Our sayings are *you can't teach an old dog new tricks* and *practice what you preach*.

