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Important Dates

November

10: Admission's Day No School

11: Veteran's Day No School

19-23: Thanksgiving Holiday No School

December

22-31 Winter Break



END OF 1ST TRIMESTER

The end of first trimester is quickly approaching.

Please make sure your child has earned the required 10

AR points for this

trimester. So far 16

students have. If your child

has made the 10 point

mark, keep encouraging him or her to keep reading and taking tests. It will only benefit your child overall.



Family Project

We are beginning our Social Studies unit on Family. Your child will be completing several projects at home including a family quilt square and interview. The

final projects will be displayed in the classroom and in your child's eportfolio. Don't forget to complete these projects and turn them in by their due dates.





SECOND GRADE RULES

READING: Weekly Stories & Spelling Tests

Weekly Stories

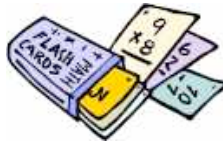
Story tests are still being read aloud to your child, but beginning with 2nd trimester he/she will have to read these tests on his/her own. Also many of these stories are AR so make sure your child is taking tests on these as well.



Spelling Tests

Please review the spelling tests that are going home in your child's Friday Folder. They are designed to help your child with the state testing. Many of these questions were also on the recent benchmark test that all the students took in the district.

MATH



We have started our units on time and money. Both units are difficult and are challenging to your child. Please spend extra time each night reviewing how to count money, especially how to make change and reading an analog clock to quarter past, half past and quarter till.

As for Accelerated Math, we are continuing to complete them as a group. Beginning in January, students will be expected to do Accelerated Math independently. Your child is learning how to transfer answers from the AM packet to a scantron, so if you notice mistakes, talk with your child about being a little more careful with bubbling in answers,

SCIENCE

We will begin our unit on Motion in December. I am still collecting empty paper towel rolls for our rainstick project. We need about 10 more for this fun project.



SOCIAL STUDIES

Our family unit of Long Ago and Today is underway. So far your child has learned about primary sources, secondary sources, documents, and timelines. We will also be learning about family heritage and each child will make a heritage doll in class to go with this unit. If you haven't returned the homework page that asked where your family was from, please return it as soon as

possible so that your child can participate in this project in class.



ePortfolios



ePortfolio account information will be sent home this week. You will be receiving your child's username and password and a questionnaire to help me with items I may have left out of your child's portfolio. The students have had fun blogging and you will

have a chance to post a comment on their blog as you read them.



How to use ePortfolios

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PE



PE is scheduled regularly each week. We will have 2 assigned PE days at 40 minutes each with our PE aide. We will also have extra PE time if our schedule permits. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately on our PE days. Loose fitting clothing and tennis shoes are recommended PE attire. On

hot days, our PE schedule will be somewhat modified. Instead of participating in outdoor activities, your child will have some indoor fun. Students will only be excused from PE if there is a written doctor's note or a note from a parent or guardian. Please encourage your child to participate during our PE time.

TECHNOLOGY



So far this year, your child has learned how to log on and take AR tests on the computers, how to operate an ipod, and also how to use an alphasmart. The students also learned how to

cut and paste items from a saved document. Your child will begin learning how to use a digital camera shortly so that your child will know how to take pictures of his or her projects.

COMMUNICATION



If you would like to meet with me, please make an appointment by calling the school office or sending a note to school with your child. You will receive monthly newsletters keeping you informed about classroom events or you can visit our classroom web site for more information about classroom procedures and schedules



