



2nd Grade News

Date: March 5, 2010

Behavior Concerns:

This week in 2nd Grade:

We read an informational fiction story on the rain forest this week in reading. The children enjoyed learning about the rain forest and comparing Fernando's life to ours.

In Math we began measurement and learned about centimeters, meters inches, yards, and feet. Ask your child to estimate lengths of objects around your home this weekend. It is a tricky skill because it is relatively new. Estimate and then see how close your guess was by using a ruler or yardstick.

We will take a field trip to the Children's Discovery Museum in Normal on Thursday next week. The cost of the trip is covered by a grant, so no money is needed. Parents are welcome to join us and ride the bus, if room allows. Please let us know Tuesday if you are coming. Also, lunches are available for \$5 and include 1/3 gondola, juice box, chips, and a cookie. Please pay in advance. Lunches are available for children and adults. If that does not interest you, please pack a lunch for your child. Lunch orders are due Tuesday.

Don't forget basket donations are due as soon as possible. The Foundation is generous with us and we are happy to create these baskets in appreciation.

Have a Great Weekend!

Coming Events:

March 11th - 2nd grade field trip

March 19th - 2:00 Dismissal

Basket items due!

March 27th - Education Foundation
Dinner & Auction 5:00

March 29th - 31st - Book Fair

Learning Targets for next week:

Reading: We will practice reading words with /o/ sound spelled with au or aw,, learn new vocabulary words, review drawing conclusions and inflectional endings, and read a map. We will also work to improve our reading comprehension and fluency while we practice the reading strategies that we have learned while we read leveled books.

Grammar/Writing: We will introduce our last of the 6 traits this week: Voice. We will focus on using formal and informal language for different writing situations. Our convention will be using was and were correctly.

Spelling: We will learn to spell words with au and aw, as well as 5 new sight words.

Math: We will solve story problems by comparing and contrasting, review Ch. 17, and take our test on Tuesday. Students will need to be able to measure length with nonstandard units, measure length in inches, feet, yards, centimeters and meters. We will introduce Ch. 18: estimate and measure capacity and weight by comparing the capacity of objects with ounces, cups, pints, quarts, gallons, ounces, and pounds.



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Spelling Words for next week:

1. paw
2. caught
3. because
4. talk
5. straw
6. hawk
7. salt
8. lawn
9. taught
10. fault

Sight Words (to read and spell):

11. won't
12. here
13. won
14. saw
15. really

Vocabulary Review for next week:

(read the words and match it to the correct definition)

vacation: a period of rest or freedom

museum: a building where pieces of art, science displays, or objects from history are kept from people to see

wonder: to want to know or learn; be curious about

guess: to form an opinion without sure knowledge

brave: having courage

practice: to do something over and over to gain skill



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