

# Second Grade News

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## Classroom News

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a fantastic three day weekend. What a pleasure it was to have cooler weather!

Thank you for your continued support with behavior and homework. We have a sweet class, but the majority of the class is very social. We talk often about school being their "job." I explain to them that if they are talking during class then they aren't learning and they are keeping their classmates from learning, too!

**Writing in complete sentences with correct punctuation is a must in second grade!** This was also an expectation in first grade. The second graders are having to do more "writing to explain" on their weekly Selection Test for the reading selection, which includes the skills we are working on in Language Arts. This is included weekly in your child's corrected work (Julius Selection Test). I always staple assessments to the top of their corrected work. In addition, on their daily in-class math we have a "Do You Understand?" question in which the students have to explain how they solve a particular problem. Occasionally there is a journal problem on math homework that needs to be answered in complete sentences, too! **If students don't practice always answering in a complete thought/sentence, he/she doesn't learn to do this automatically. We don't speak in fragments or one word utterances, so I expect them to write in complete sentences. Thanks!**

### A ROUND OF APPLAUSE

Congratulations to **Abigail, Elizabeth P., and Matthew** for earning 100% on all three sections of the Spelling Test. Check out the Honor Board when you get a chance.

## ACADEMIC



**Language Arts** - This week we will review and practice the following phonograms; ar, er, and ch. The phonograms "ar" as in star, "er" as in her, "ch" as in such, "k" as in ache, and "sh" as in machine. In addition we will be focusing on the following skills; long vowels with the CVCe pattern for long a and long i, predicting/infering, predicting outcomes, multiple meaning words, the new high-frequency words, locating information (study skills), and the action parts of a sentence (predicate).

### Fluency

I cannot stress enough the importance of reading nightly. Improved fluency in turn improves comprehension. Please be sure to practice the Mrs. Brown Went to Town cold read and the blackline readers included in your child's folder: Robin's Farm and Big Hog's House Hunt.

### Idiom of the Week

"Butterflies in my Stomach"

Some our students may experience this while they're giving us a report on their Ancestor Interview.

### Vocabulary

**different floor letter move poor word**  
(Practice every night)

**enVision Math** -This week we will complete Topic 2 (Addition Strategies). Our focus will be making 10 to add 9, making 10 to add 8, and our problem solving is drawing a picture and writing a number sentence. Our Topic 2 math test is this Friday. *Reminder: There is a practice math test on my web page.*

### Social Studies

In addition to continuing our second lesson for Long Ago and Yesterday, your child will give a report on his/her ancestor interview. The assignment is worth 5 points and the oral presentation is worth 5 points. A grade sheet will be attached to the completed assignment when it is sent home next week.

## JUST A REMINDER!

Please save your child's Renaissance Home Connct (A.R.) user name and password in a safe place. This will allow you to check your child's points and progress on-line.

Thank you for returning Eagle Folders by Thursday!

Monday, September 13th is a minimum day. Dismissal time is 1:00 P.M.

**Picture Day** is September 15th.

If your child is selling **Ducky Derby tickets**, please return ticket stubs and money to me as soon as you have sold the tickets. Thank you!

Mark your calendar for Walk this Way at Turtle Bay on Saturday, October 2nd from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. More details to come...

We are saving **BOX TOPS for Education**. Please feel free to send them into class anytime with your child.

The **First Language Arts Theme Test** will be next week and your child will be tested on reading material just like what I have sent home (blackline books), vocabulary, and all the skills we have practiced the last THREE WEEKS.

**REMEMBER TO DO THE FOLLOWING EVERY NIGHT:** READ (practice fluency passage, Read A.R. book(s) and black-line readers), practice the spelling words (ABC order), practice the new high-frequency words, and complete the math HW.

Have a wonderful week!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Waters