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Ms. Cairo's Second Grade Learning Community

Educating the Head, Heart, and Hands



Stay Tuned In!

I update my website at least every Thursday, but I will do my best to share our classroom happenings as frequently as possible. Please feel free to email me with any questions or concerns and I will get back to you within 48 hours.

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Important Updates

I am asking for lunch volunteers Monday through Friday to eat with the children / read a story. I also need a parent to come in and get our classroom fish tank running! Please visit the volunteer spot website to sign up! <http://www.volunteerspot.com/group/1249263456047#!/show>

We are still in need of a few items for Coby: small take home cage, dog 'potty' pads (to line Coby's cage) guinea pig pellets, and fresh vegetables (he loves carrots!) Please send me an email if you can bring any of these items.

Yarn- For handwork this Friday, September 19, 2014, it has been suggested that the children have chunky yarn for knitting. Please check your email for further information. If you did not receive an email from me on Sunday evening, please contact me ASAP so I can update your contact information!

Save the Date!

Early Dismissal Wednesdays

9/24

Early Dismissal is at 1:45. Please pick up your child using the same method as regular dismissal.

Second Grade Work Day

9/20

General work day
@ school site.
9:30am-11:30am

Ribbon Cutting

9/27/14

At school from 3:00pm-5:00pm. Bring your family and friends as we celebrate this amazing school!



Skills Blocks

Below you will find the skills we have been working on and will continue to work on in the

Last Week (September 8-12)

Storytelling: The Fox and the Grapes

Read Aloud: Mole's Hill, Magic Tree House: Knight at Dawn

Vocabulary: quivered, burst, gathered, obstacle, strolled, compromise

Sight Words: when, again, ask, fly, had

Writing: Using vocabulary words in a sentence; friendly letter writing

Phonics: Vowel sounds; a, e, i, o, u, y

Math: days, months, basic calendar skills, cardinal numbers, tally marks, skip counting forward and backward (2, 5, 10), introduction to money, even and odd

Science: Making seed observations



This Week (September 8-12)

Storytelling: The Wind and the Sun

Read Aloud: Magic Tree House: Knight at Dawn; Variety of Lois Ehlert Books

Vocabulary: quivered, burst, gathered, obstacle, strolled, compromise

Sight Words: REVIEW: know, of, over, stop, then, when, again, ask, fly, had, after, as, every, giving, him

Writing: Using vocabulary words in a sentence; friendly letter writing ; composing paragraphs;

Phonics: Vowel sounds; a, e, i, o, u, y; c, k, ck

Math: days, months, basic calendar skills, cardinal numbers, tally marks, skip counting forward and backward (2, 5, 10), introduction to money, even and odd

Science: Making seed observations , classification of objects

Fluency Poem

We say thank you, We say please.

We don't interrupt or tease.

We don't argue. We don't fuss. We listen when friends talk to us.

We share toys and taken our turn. Good manners aren't hard to learn.

It's really easy when you find, good manners mean just being kind!

Classroom Song

Make new friends, but keep the old. One is silver and the other gold. A circle is round, and has no end. That's how long I want to be your friend!

At Home Practice

The children LOVED our poetry performance piece last week! We will be practicing our fluency poem (poem on page 2 of this newsletter) throughout the week (M-W). On Thursday and Friday, the children will 'perform' their fluency poem. This will help the children gain confidence speaking in front of their peers as well as enhance their voice inflections while reading. Practice this poem with your children at home in funny/silly voices! I told the children they are welcome to dress up for their performance. They do not need to memorize this poem. This is just a fun way to increase fluency(:

Please continue to work with your children at home with the following skills. Have them practice reciting the information orally as well as writing it!

- Full name (first, middle, and last)
- Parents' names (first and last)

- Home phone number
- Address
- Birthday
- Days of the Week (in order beginning with Sunday) Ask your child about our days of the weeks songs...we have two!
- Months of the Year (in order beginning with January) Ask your child about our months of the year song!
- Seasons (in order beginning with winter)

Tips for working with your children on these skills:

- Teach your child their phone number using twinkle, twinkle little star



Exciting things are coming!

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| ❖ Watercolor Painting | ❖ Gardening |
| ❖ Needle Knitting | ❖ Surfing |
| ❖ Bread Baking | ❖ Flute & Recorder Lessons |



A Note from Ms. Cairo