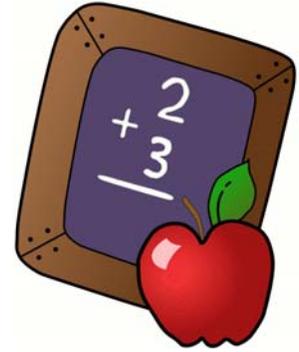


September Newsletter Mrs. Palumbo



Dear Families,

We are off to a great start in second grade. We spent most of our first week getting to know one another and understanding classroom expectations and reviewing school-wide expectations. It has been a pleasure getting to know your child.

Each day your child will bring home their red folder. Please make sure to take out the items in the "Keep at Home" side and review any homework or notices that may be in the "Return to School" side. It is important for our home/school connection that these folders are returned each day.

Last-but certainly not least, THANK YOU for all of the wonderful classroom supplies that you donated. I truly appreciate all of your generosity. They will go to good use throughout the year! If you have not done so yet please send in your \$10 for Scholastic News, and Holiday T-Shirts. Thank you for your support! If at any time you have questions, comments, or concerns please feel free to send a note, call, or email me at

Palumbom@worcesterschools.net

Dates to Remember:

5-13- Scholastic Book Fair Open

***We will shop on the 6th!**

12- Know Your School Night 6-8pm

16- PTG Meeting 6:30pm

20- Ice Cream Social 6-7pm

Our Arts Blocks:

Monday- Drama & Gym- please wear sneakers

Tuesday- Music

Wednesday- Art

Thursday- Dance- please wear short sleeves

Know Your School Night

I hope to see you all at Know Your School Night on Thursday, September 12th from 6-8pm. I will be discussing 2nd grade curriculum and classroom routines that are being established. You will get a chance to explore the classroom and view some of your child's work. The Book Fair will be open and we will also have a sign-up for conferences that will take place in November. I look forward to meeting you all on the 12th!

Happy Birthday!

2- Yediel

12-Kellan



Spelling Word List:

Each week students will take home a word list that will follow the phonics skill we are working on that week. The lists will typically consist of 10-12 words. Please be sure to have your child take a few minutes to practice these words each night. Students will have a spelling test each Friday.



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ELA (English Language Arts)

Over the next few weeks I will conduct assessments in reading, math, and writing skills. I will use these assessments to help plan and drive my instruction on how to best accommodate the different needs of the students.

Phonics: We will begin the year with a vowel short/long sound review. We will also review digraphs. We will also review trick words/high frequency words learned in first grade. Each week we will add words that we are working on to our Word Wall. Please watch out for Spelling Lists they will come home each Monday.

Read Aloud/Read to Self: Throughout daily read alouds reading strategies will be introduced and modeled for all students. These strategies are in place to help students along as they are reading. We will use CAFE (comprehension, accuracy, fluency, and expand vocabulary) to organize our strategies. We are learning to make thoughtful connections as we are reading to make sure we are thinking as we are reading. Each student has a Book Bin for Read to Self time. Students have spent some time "shopping" for Good Fit books. This is absolutely their favorite time day. Each student picks a perfect spot in the room, gets comfy, and enjoys a good fit book!

Writing: As we begin writing we will discuss the importance of using "self-talk." Self talk is a strategy that we will use to persevere when writing gets tough or students get distracted. This is a strategy that can be used anywhere- not just when writing! We will begin with many collaborative writes to review skills taught in first grade.

Important Reminders

- * Please check your child's backpack every day. They love to share all work they do with you in school!
- * Homework Folders go home each night, Monday-Friday. Please make sure to check for Homework and notices from school.

SNACK

Please remember to pack a water and a healthy snack for your child each day.

Read Every Night No Matter What! It is very important that each child is reading for at least 20 minutes each night!

Math

Throughout the year we are using CCSS (Common Core State Standards) to frame our lessons. During our first unit we will reinforce math fact fluency and skip counting. Second graders must be able to instantly recall all facts, sums through 20 by the end of the year. Our first topic will focus on learning several strategies for finding sums and differences. Students will learn to count on, count back, draw a model, make a 10, use doubles and near doubles. Above all they will begin to develop an understanding of the relationship between addition and subtraction. Throughout this topic we will use several hands on manipulatives such as counters, cubes, ten frames, dominoes, and much more. A parent letter is attached with more info.

Most days we will use our student handbooks which will have a follow up homework sheet. I will be sure to have students take home their independent practice from that day also. This may help to clear up any confusion with homework items. Both sheets focus on the same strategy and have similar problems. The homework page will be a follow-up from the math lesson that day. Please see attached info for Xtra Math.

Social Studies/Science:

We will begin with map skills and locating/labeling our seven continents and 5 oceans. Students will study how to read a map, make a map, and use a map key. We will also discover our place on a map—finding our house, street, city, country, continent.

Through our Science exploration we will begin our first topic- habitats. We will read about habitats explore plants/animals from each habitat.

Friendship List

Attached to this Newsletter is a Friendship List sign up. I will create a classroom directory that you can use for party invites, play dates, etc.. Please only include information that you are comfortable with sharing with the class. If you do not wish to be included at all just check "No" .. Once all slips have been returned I will put together the directory.