



October News



Mrs. DuRussel's Second Grade

Important Dates

October 7th – Picture Day
 October 8th – V & O Assembly
 October 20th – Parent Coffee Club
 October 26th – Parent/Teacher Conferences
 October 28th – Parent/Teacher Conferences
 October 29th – Black/Orange Day
 (No costumes)

Message from the Teacher...

Thank you for those who donated supplies to our classroom. We appreciate all of these items. Please remember to have your child bring his/her folder back to school daily along with their reading log.

~Mrs. Tiffany DuRussel

Language Arts/Daily Five

During our Language Arts block in the morning, we have been launching the Daily Five program. You may have heard a little bit about it at curriculum night this past month. The Daily Five program has five components which are Read to Self, Work on Writing, Read to Someone, Word Work, and Listen to Reading. The program is a great way for students to become responsible for their own learning and have goals to work toward. I am very excited about what we have accomplished so far.

Science

Our science topic is "Measuring Matters." Some of the main areas we will be studying are classifying items according to their properties such as color, size, shape, texture, hardness, liquid or a solid. We will measure length, distance, volume, and mass of objects. Along with making purposeful observations that generate questions that lead to planning and conducting simple investigations.

Social Studies

In Social Studies, we will focus on learning about communities. Our lessons will include identifying various landforms and water, diversity, and using a map.

Math

We just finished the chapter one math test on numbers and routines and are now starting chapter two on addition and subtraction facts. We will be learning about fact families, double facts, writing addition story problems, and strategies to help with addition and subtraction facts.

Ideas to practice math skills at home:

- Addition/subtraction facts using flashcards
- Skip counting by 2s, and 3s when driving in the car or when walking from room to room.
- Telling time – before you leave to go somewhere such as the grocery store, dance, or soccer, have your child tell you the time.

I have read the October newsletter.

Child's Name: _____ Parent Signature: _____

Spelling:

There will be 10 words each week that follow a new spelling rule, 5 "Heart Words," and 1 challenge word. Each week your child learns a new hand motion and saying to go along with the new spelling rule to help him/her remember the rule. I encourage you to ask your child what the new rule is and have him/her show you.

Heart words are words that the students need to know by heart because they cannot be stretched/sounded out. Heart words are rule breakers such as the word "said." They are also known as "red words."

Your child may practice our weekly spelling words on www.spellingcity.com for free! This site offers games, practices tests, and a "teach me" session.

Special Schedule:

Monday – P.E. & Spanish

Tuesday – No Special

Wednesday – Media

Thursday – Music

Friday – Art