



News & Views from Chapter Two!



December 9, 2019

Hello Families:

Thank you for attending your child's November Conference. I enjoyed meeting with you. If you haven't signed and returned the report card envelope, please do so this week. The reports are yours to keep.

I hope you enjoyed your weekend! Here are the latest updates. I have a lot of information to share with you...

Tomorrow the Holiday Shop will open thanks to our wonderful PTO! Your child will have the opportunity to shop for gifts they would like to give to their family and friends. These are really nice and affordable gifts. We will be going as a class to shop tomorrow at 12:30. Information about this went home with your child last week. The shop will be open for shoppers throughout the week during lunch times as well.

This coming Friday, December 13th will be a fun school spirit day: "Dress as your favorite super hero." Please see the note attached. Your child is NOT required to participate. In the note it says that students who dress up will receive a Paw Print. I will give your child a Paw Print even if they do not dress up—they can just tell me the name of their favorite super hero.

The Winter Party will take place on Friday, December 20th from 1:50-2:50. Second graders will be able to wear their cozy pajamas, robes, and slippers for the day. They will be able to bring a game they would like to play with their friends—no electronics please! There will also be a simple craft. Please see the separate email I will be sending and respond if you'd like to help out with this party.

Calendar Corner:

Dec. 9: Holiday Shop: 12:30

Holiday Shop open during lunch this week.

Dec. 10: Late Start for Students: 10:05am

Dec. 13: Spirit Day—Dress as your favorite super hero—see note attached

Dec. 20: Winter Party

Dec. 21-Jan. 5: Winter Break

Jan. 6: School Resumes



Schedule Reminders:

Recess/Lunch: Monday-Friday (10:50-11:35)

***Please dress your child for the weather!**

Please keep in mind that we will go outside for recess unless the temperature falls below zero. This also means that we will not go outside if the "real feel" temperature is below zero. I know it's hard for our students to bring all their gear every day for recess, but we do require the 5 points to play in the snow or to be on the playground when we are able to go outside...*hat, *jacket, *snow pants, *boots, and *mittens/gloves. If a student is not prepared to be in the snow, they will stand on the blacktop for their own safety.

Specials are from 1:05-1:45pm

Monday: PE

Tuesday: Music & Library (2:00-2:30)

Wednesday: PE & Computer Lab (2:10-2:50)

Thursday: PE

Friday: Art & Reading/Writing Buddies (2:30-3:00)



Curriculum at a glance...what have we been doing and what is coming up?

Language Arts...

- Set future goals for Daily Five
- Reading Book Clubs
- Past tense of irregular verbs
- Shades of meaning in verbs
- Describe how characters in a story respond to major challenges
- Ask and answer questions to build comprehension
- Recount a short sequence of events
- Discuss and recount lessons learned from fables
- Imaginative narrative writing
- Learn to write interesting "hooks" or introductions to writing

Math...

- Strategies for adding and subtracting numbers fluently within 20
- Learn and practice strategies for subtracting 2 digit numbers within 100 (with and without regrouping)
- Ongoing review and practice with a variety of skills: place value, comparing numbers, word problems, graphing, money, and number patterns

Social Science...

History:

- Communities past and present
- Examples of artifacts
- Clues from the past
- Timelines
- People shape history

Science...

Structure and Properties of Matter:

- Properties and states of matter
- Properties of materials



HOMWORK TIPS:

Please let me know and I will help your child find “good fit” books to take from school to read at home. Helping your child establish good homework habits is essential to school success this year and in the years to come. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns regarding our second grade homework plan. Thank you for your support!

- All homework is due on Friday.
- Please initial the Weekly Homework Checklist each day and help your child record what they read every day.
- Please make sure your child is using a pencil to do their homework, unless crayon/color is on the directions.
- Please remind your child to write their name on ALL of their papers.
- Please have your child read their writing homework aloud. Help them to use capital letters and periods in their writing.
- Double check math homework and have your child correct any mistakes.
- Please staple or clip all papers together. This way, your child can see they have completed all of their assigned homework for the week.

As always, thank you for your support with homework!



What's new in school? Here are some questions or ideas to get the discussion going:

- How have you helped a friend in your classroom?
- What are you writing about during Daily Five or Writers' Workshop?
- What game did you learn in P.E.?
- Tell me about a book Mrs. Snyder or another teacher read to you last week.
- Tell me about something you did well last week.
- Where is your favorite place to write in your classroom? Why?
- Where is your favorite place in the school? Why?
- What is something you want to do better this week?
- In the story *Those Shoes*, how is the main character being generous? What does generous mean to you? How are you generous in school and at home?



VERY IMPORTANT...

I appreciate your understanding and attention to sending peanut and tree nut-free snacks with your child.

- Remember any snack sent in without a label will be sent home- with the exception of fresh veggies and fruit. I have to check to be sure the snack did not come from a facility that also makes peanut or tree nut products.
- You may take a picture of a label and send that to me if you prefer to buy snacks in large quantity and send the snack in a small baggie or container.
- Your child should not be finishing their lunch during snack time.

Please let me know if you have any concerns or questions.

Thank you so much!

Thank you for your support and have a great week!

Mrs. Snyder :)

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