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Here is what we are doing in second grade..☺

Language Arts:

This week, the classes are learning about comparing and contrasting. We are reading non-fiction texts and finding the similarities and the differences among the items in the text. Next week we will be reviewing text features and writing good answers to questions.

Writing:

Classes worked on a compare/contrast paragraph. Student found the similarities and differences between bats and birds. They recorded the similarities and differences on a Venn diagram (*below*).



Afterwards, they used the Venn diagram to write a comparison paragraph.

Word study:

Classes are working on /R/ blend words. Next week, we will be working on words with an /S/blend.

Math:

Classes continued to work on addition strategies and word problems. Next week we will be starting our geometry unit.



Grammar:

This week we worked on capital letters for proper nouns. Next week will continue to learn about capital letters with proper nouns.

Social Studies:

Classes are finishing up Social Studies Unit One. We will be taking a unit test next Friday. A study guide is going home so that students can review the material at home.



Important dates:

Monday, October 5th- Picture Day
**Don't forget to return the envelope if you want to purchase pictures!!!

Monday-Wednesday, October 12th -14th- Book Fair at MPS- see the flier for more information

Tuesday, October 13th – Evening conferences. The doors open at 12:30 and school starts at 1:00. NO LUNCH is served.

Wednesday, October 14th – Evening conferences. The doors open at 12:30 and school starts at 1:00. NO LUNCH is served.

Thursday, October 15th – Afternoon conferences. School is dismissed at noon. Lunch is served.

Friday, October 16th – No School

Safety Week:

October 5-9th is safety week at MPS. We will practice doing a bus evacuation, a fire drill, a tornado drill and a lock down. Please reassure your child that we only practice these drills in case of an emergency.

Pictures:

Monday is picture day. If you would like to purchase pictures please return the envelope that went home in last weeks Thursday envelope. Remember, your child will have his/her picture taken even if you are not purchasing them. They are taken for the yearbook.

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Thank you:

- Thank you to the children for working so hard everyday.
- Thank you for sharing your children with us.

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(And a great place to work 😊)

Next Week's Highlights

Monday, October 5th

Picture Day

Monday-Friday, October 5-9th

Students will work on:

- * Reading- text features and answering a question with a complete sentence
- * Math-shapes/geometry
- * Social Studies- maps and globes
- * Grammar- capital letters and proper nouns
- * Word Study- words with an /S/ blend

The week of October 12th:

Please note all of the different hours the week of October 12th.

Tuesday and Wednesday,

October 13th and 14th- School starts 4 hours late. The doors open at 12:30 and school starts at 1:00. There is **not** a lunch block. Students will follow the usual afternoon schedule.

Thursday, October 15th- School dismisses 3 ½ hours early.

Students are dismissed at 12:00. There is lunch on this day.

Friday, October 16th- No School