

September 17, 2009

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

### Language Arts:

We have been reviewing text features (index, glossary, table of contents, bolded text, headings, etc). We have learned how different text features help us to better understand what we are reading.

We talked about what to do when you come to a word that you do not know. We talked about beeping, framing, sounding it out, looking up a word and when it is time to ask someone. Ask your child to sing the "I see a word that I don't know" song. ☺

We have also been working on main idea and detail in a non-fiction text. We have talked about how the headings usually help point out the main ideas. We worked on reading the paragraph under the heading to find details.

We have also been working on using the headings of a non-fiction text to help us make predictions about what we will be reading.

### Math:

Classes are working on "making ten" as an addition strategy. \*\* Thank you to all the family members that played Heidi's Game with your children☺\*\*. They had a great time telling us all about it☺!  
Next week, we will work on story problems.

### Grammar:

Students learned about question marks. Next week, we will learn when to use a capital I.

### Word study:

We worked on short /i/ and /u/ words this week. Next week we will work on words with /l/ blends.

### Important dates:

**Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**- 2 hour early dismissal

**Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**-No school for students (Frederick County Fair Day)

**Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**- No school for students- Yom Kippur

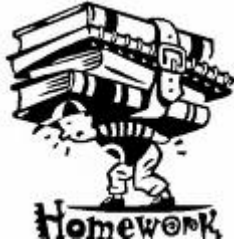
### PTA:

Please consider joining the PTA. The PTA is a great organization at our school and a big supporter of our programs and field trips. Also please note information on the Unfundraiser☺.



## Homework:

If you are having any trouble with homework please let your child's teacher know. Thanks for all the help with homework.



## Reminder to Students

- Remember to bring your agenda to school and home each day



## Reminder to Parents

- Please send in a note regarding any changes in dismissal. If we do not get a note from home, we will assume that your child goes home the same way he/she always does.
- Donations of stamps are GREATLY APPRECIATED ☺!!!!!!

**Our emails:** *(Please note you must spell the name correctly or the email will not go through)*

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## Next Week's Highlights

**Monday, Sept. 21- Friday, Sept. 25**

Students working on:

- **reading**- answering a question with a good answer
- **math**- addition story problems
- **word study**- /l/ blends
- **social studies**-maps and globes

**Thursday- Early dismissal**

**Friday-No School**

## Conference Letters

Please find the information on conferences in your Thursday envelope. It is important that you return the form as soon as possible. (Time slots fill up quickly ☺).



## Thank You:

- Huge thanks to everyone for sharing your children with us. We are very excited to get to know all of them.
- Thanks to everyone for your patience while we get everyone in the routines (including ourselves ☺).