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

Language Arts:

Second grade has been working on telling the difference between fiction and non-fiction texts. Classes have been working on text features that help a reader understand and locate information in non-fiction texts. We have been especially working on the table of contents, the index and the glossary. We have focused on bold and highlighted text and how it helps the reader locate important information.

Please note that the classes are putting most of their daily work in their red reading spiral so you will not see a lot of what we are doing until the red reading spirals come home at different times throughout the year.

Math:

Students are working on strategies to solve basic facts. We are working on adding 0, 1, and 2 to a number, doubles, doubles plus one, adding numbers in any order, and adding 3 digits.

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.

Good job....

The brag bag/boxes were GREAT!!! The students did a great job sharing them. We were all pleased with the quality of the projects and the excitement that each child showed when sharing his/her items!

Rules:

Each class worked on rules that would help make a successful classroom. The class lists were then brought together to make grade level rules. Basically our class rules are below. Each class may have worded them a little different, but they are all about the same.

We are a team!!

1. We listen when others are talking.
2. We follow directions the first time.
3. We are respectful.
4. We keep our hands and feet to ourselves.
5. We use good manners.
6. We always try our BEST! 😊

Important dates:

Friday, September 4- Wear your black and orange or Middletown clothing to show your spirit 😊

Monday, September 7- No School

Friday, September 11- Wear your black and orange or Middletown clothing to show your spirit 😊

Friday, September 18- No school

Volunteers:

Volunteer calendars will be coming home in the next few weeks. We will start the schedules in October.

Homework:

Thank you to everyone who is signing the agendas and working on homework. Hopefully homework will become independent practice for all the students.

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.
- We would still love donations of any of the following:

**stamps for mailing letters

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

- Lesley.Weir@fcps.org
- Julie.Pallansch@fcps.org
- Katie.Bittle@fcps.org
- Adell.Eckenrode@fcps.org
- Lauren.Younker@fcps.org

Next Week's Highlights

Monday, Sept 7

No School- Labor Day

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

Students working on:

reading- text and print features

writing- writing to inform

math- basic facts

word study- short e

social studies-maps and globes

Newsletters/Website:

All newsletters will be on our grade level website. We will send you an email reminder to check the website for the newsletter or an attachment. Everyone that checked the box requesting a paper copy will still be given the newsletter in paper form each Thursday. Everyone else can check the website weekly. If problems with the website should arise any week, we will send home the weekly newsletter in paper copy with everyone. If at any point you want to switch and get a weekly paper copy or you want to stop getting a paper copy please send a note or email to your child's teacher. Reminder the website is:

www.mps2ndgradewebsite.com

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 all for your patience while we get everyone in the routines (including ourselves ☺).