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**Second Grade News**

**September 27, 2013**

***Dates to Remember***

**Early Release Day** 1:54 Dismissal on 10/9/13

**Bagel Day** 10/9/13

**Field Trip** 10/22/13

### Birthdays

If you are interested in sending in a birthday treat for your child’s birthday, please let one of us know ahead of time so that we can adjust our schedule accordingly.

### Homework Folders

Please check your child’s homework folder every night. Please read with your child every night for 20 minutes. **We will now be completing math homework in class during our math workshop. However, if your child does not complete it in class (or they are absent) they will be completing it at home.**

.**Field Trip**

***October 22, 2013*** *Ann Arbor Hands On Science Museum*

**NWEA Practice Sites**

**Reading -** [http://www.sowashco.k12.mn.us/ro/Pages/studentlinks/map/reading.htm](https://by2prd0410.outlook.com/owa/redir.aspx?C=l0acSUe2v0ece6QXWmcPVwQAnsJ7gtAIGbaNdsLESavq2-Azr4EysDD8dSjhmDOVC6o67SNzQ4g.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.sowashco.k12.mn.us%2fro%2fPages%2fstudentlinks%2fmap%2freading.htm)

**Math -** [http://www.sowashco.k12.mn.us/ro/Pages/studentlinks/map/](https://by2prd0410.outlook.com/owa/redir.aspx?C=l0acSUe2v0ece6QXWmcPVwQAnsJ7gtAIGbaNdsLESavq2-Azr4EysDD8dSjhmDOVC6o67SNzQ4g.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.sowashco.k12.mn.us%2fro%2fPages%2fstudentlinks%2fmap%2f)

***Here’s What We Learned This Week***

**Math**

This week the students began Chapter 9 “Data and Graphs.” We have been working on reading data from tables, surveys, bar graphs and pictographs.

The children continued to use their math journals. We are focusing on not only solving a given story problem, but to explaining ***how*** the problem was solved in writing. We refer to these as **constructed responses.** Throughout the school year, your child will be writing constructed responses across the curriculum.

Next week we will be starting addition timed tests. A letter will be sent home today explaining this. This is new to second grade this year and will be assessed on the report card.

Please continue to practice the +/- facts at home. As with anything, the more practice your child has, the more confident they will be in their abilities. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

**Word Study**

We have formed our Word Study groups and we will begin them next week, **September 30th.** Please look for your child’s words to come home each **Monday** (unless otherwise noted) and tested each **Friday.**

**Reading**

This week our focus was **fluency.** We discussed that fluency is reading orally with accuracy and an appropriate rate. You can practice fluency at home by having your child read out loud to you daily with the same piece of reading. You can also model fluency by reading aloud to your child to provide an example of how fluent reading sounds. We will be doing this in class, so your child will be familiar with this reading strategy. We will begin our guided reading groups next week as well.

**Social Studies**

 This week we focused on community helpers such as; police officers, carpenters, and firefighters. We discussed the tools each community helper needs and how they help our community. We read non-fiction books on different community workers and are completing our own books on “Community Helpers.” On Wednesday October 2nd the St. Clair Shores Fire Department will be coming to visit the 2nd Graders.

**Weekly Homework Agendas**

We will check and collect the *signed* Weekly Homework Agendas with the smiley faces each Monday. Please remember to discuss your child’s behavior and sign the bottom each Friday. Please leave them in your child’s homework folder for us to collect.

**Drop-off/Pick-up**

Thank you for your patience as we perfect our morning and afternoon procedures. Please make sure you advise your child’s teacher if there is to be change in the procedure. This is for the safety and protection of all children.