



# Room 2 News



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### Important Reminders

- No School - Friday, October 7 (tomorrow)
- MEAP testing will be on October 11, 12, 13, 18, 19. Make sure your child goes to bed early and eats a good breakfast.
- FUNd Run - Friday, October 14
- Box Top Contest ends October 21
- Conferences are quickly approaching. They will be on October 25 (5-8pm), October 27 (5-8pm), and October 28 (1-4pm).
- October Reading Log Calendar due Monday, October 31
- Be sure to use the school dismissal form for a change in PM dismissal.
- I will be taking the students to the library and computer lab shortly. Check the calendar on [www.missrosenthal.com](http://www.missrosenthal.com) for specific library dates.
- I am no longer signing your child's student planner. It is his/her responsibility to copy down all assignments as part of bellwork.
- Want to prepare/teach a craft for Halloween? Let me know by October 7th.
- Want to be a copy mom? We can always use more helpers! Please contact me if you are interested.

## Spelling Words

Pretest 10-10-11

Test 10-14-11

common  
river  
surface  
piece  
peace  
icicle  
climb  
idea  
iron  
tiny  
title  
umpire  
hire  
reply  
cycle  
shy  
tight  
highway  
flight  
fright  
slight  
higher  
might  
eyes  
buy

Reading - Students completed many fun projects including a Halloween graph art and Halloween poem while I tested their reading for fluency and accuracy.

Writing - We continued our unit on comparative essays. The students wrote their own comparative essay by comparing and contrasting two plants or animals. They also picked their own topic and wrote another comparative essay. We continued DOL practice or grammar. This is where the students fix punctuation, spelling, and capitalization errors in sentences. The first DOL test will be on Friday, October 14th. A review sheet and our practice pages will be sent home before the test.

Spelling - Our unit 5 pretest is on Monday. If your child gets -0 or -1 on the pretest, he/she will get the challenge list and a bonus buck! If your child gets an A on the challenge list test on Friday, he/she will receive another bonus buck. The spelling workbook homework will go home on Monday and is due each Thursday.

Math - We learned about maximum, minimum, median, and mode using a set of numbers. Students also practiced multi-digit addition and subtraction. Remember to refer to the Study Link Family Letter for questions regarding the homework. All math homework is due the following day and it is checked in class together.

Science - We continued learning about matter by focusing on liquids and gases. The students were able to identify properties of all states of matter and compare and contrast them.

Social Studies - We compared and contrasted maps and globes by completing a Venn Diagram. The students traveled with Mrs. Waffenschmidt to the Eiffel Tower in Paris, France. Be sure to check out the Little Passports link on [www.missrosenthal.com](http://www.missrosenthal.com) for some awesome global games. Your child wrote down the user name and password in his/her planner.