



Room 2 News



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Important Reminders

- No School - Friday, October 7
- 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.
- Beginning Monday, I will no longer be signing your child's student planner. It will be his/her responsibility to copy down all assignments as part of bellwork.
- Halloween is quickly approaching. Please see the back of the room news for more information regarding food and parent helpers.
- Want to be a copy mom? We can always use more helpers! Please contact me if you are interested.
- Be sure to check out www.missrosenthal.com for class updates.

Spelling Words

Pretest 10-3-11

Test 10-6-11
(Thursday)

- fine
- talk
- stop
- weather
- whether
- lead
- deal
- reach
- speak
- least
- season
- steam
- reason
- repeat
- peach
- speed
- breeze
- agree
- between
- degree
- field
- believe
- piece
- chief
- brief

Reading - Students learned how to read informational text by completing a scavenger hunt using the social studies textbook. We practiced how to answer informational comprehension questions and took an informational comprehension test on elephants. The students also read a Scholastic News, which will be used as a reading grade.

Writing - We began a unit on comparative essays. The students learned that comparative essays have specific key words and use specific vocabulary. Comparative essays also have a basic structure. 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 the week of October 10th. A review sheet will be sent home before the test.

Spelling - Our unit 4 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 place value and practiced reading large numbers. We also began an exploration into graphing and played math games on Friday. 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 constructing a simple balance to measure mass, using a spring scale to measure weight, identifying examples of matter as a solid, and describing the properties of solids.

Social Studies - There was a pop quiz on the continents and oceans of the world. We compared and contrasted maps and globes. The students traveled with Mrs. Waffenschmidt to King Tut's tomb in Egypt.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

During Curriculum Night a few of you volunteered to help with the Halloween party. With regards to the party, I divide the class into thirds and ask the first third of the class to bring in food. The second third of the class will bring in food for the Christmas party, and the last third of the class will bring in food for the Valentine's party. The notes about who brings what will be going home in a few weeks.

I was wondering if any of you would be willing to organize/teach the class a Halloween craft. I leave this entirely up to the parents. All that I ask is that you run your plans by me. Please understand that the craft can not be too time consuming. You can come up with the idea, gather the materials, etc. If you are interested in doing this, please let me know by the end of next week (October 7th). You are welcome to do this with other parents who also volunteered. If we have many parents who are interested, we could have centers in the classroom with the activities planned. If you know of other parents who might be interested please feel free to ask them.

If you are not interested, that is all right!
Please do not feel any obligation to participate.

Thanks so much!
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