



Room 2 News



September 7-10, 2010

Reminders

- Curriculum Night - Thursday, September 15th @ 7:00pm
- Picture Day - Monday, September 12th
- Please make sure all forms are completed and returned
- Please donate \$3 for the Traveling Folder and \$5 for Scholastic News by Friday, September 16th
- The first spelling pretest/test is next week...be sure to study!
- Be sure to check out www.missrosenthal.com for class updates
- Please email me at sara.rosenthal@oxfordschools.org if you have any questions and/or concerns

Spelling Words

Pretest on 9-12-11

Test on 9-16-10

could
they
said
about
know
pass
brag
began
drag
else
smell
felt
held
kept
shell
skill
zipper
brick
spill
trick
begin
collar
crust
button
trust

Welcome back to school! We had a fantastic first week in room 2! We started off the year by discussing classroom rules (Essential Agreements) and procedures. The students are becoming more responsible for their behavior and classroom work. They absolutely loved learning about our Classroom Economy and cannot wait to start earning money next week. The students completed a time capsule containing an addition and subtraction timed test, first day letter, getting to know you sheet, and photograph. It will be fantastic to open their time capsules the last week of 4th grade and see how much they have grown. The students learned about 3 things that really "bug" me, which include rudeness, poor work habits, and negative attitudes. I explained to the students that being kind, having good work habits, and having a positive attitude will lead to success. We completed a fun project called Guess Who? Be sure to check them out in the hallway!

We got right to learning this week! In writing, each student wrote a paragraph about the important things about him/herself using a book called The Important Book as a model. I also introduced journal writing to the class. In reading, students learned how to ask if something makes sense when reading and how to chunk words so that they can read longer, more difficult words. They also decorated their very own book boxes that will store their "just right" books. In social studies, we began our adventure with Mrs. Waffenschmidt, a make-believe character who travels around the world. We read a book about what it means to be global and they colored Mrs. Waffenschmidt's passport. In math, practiced concepts by completing math boxes and, began learning about geometric shapes, and played math games.

Finally, spelling will begin next week and homework will continue. The spelling pretest is on Monday. If your child gets -0 or -1 on the pretest, he/she will receive the challenge list. Please remember to help your child become a responsible 4th grader by having him/her bring the Traveling Folders to and from school each day (excluding the weekends) and completing all homework. The Friday Folders will go home on Fridays and come back on Mondays. Be sure to read the attached letter for more information about the routines within room 2.

I have already learned so much about each child and I know we will have a wonderful school year! I am looking forward to meeting you at Curriculum Night on Thursday. Please remember to meet your child outside or in the front lobby if you are picking him/her up after school. Have a great weekend!