**Mrs. Burger’s 2nd Grade Weekly News**

**10/17 – 10/20**

Dear Families,

\*The Pumpkin Parade project and paragraphs are due on Monday, October 17th.  If you have the book that matches your child’s pumpkin character, please have your child bring it in along with the pumpkin, and writing, so we can display them all together.

\*Information about the Harmony Harvest Poster Contest came home on 10/13.  I encourage your children to participate by creating a poster promoting the Harvest, which will be placed somewhere in our building.  Posters are due by Wednesday, October 19th.

\*Conferences are Monday, 10/17, and Thursday, 10/20.  Please be sure to arrive on time with your child so as to provide ample time for the sharing of his or her Leadership Binder.

\* Our class will visit the Book Fair to purchase books on Wednesday, October 19th from 9:30-10 am.  Feel free to meet us in the library at this time to help your child purchase some great books.

\* Students may dress up as book characters for Halloween on Monday, October 31st.  If possible, please have the kiddos bring their book to school to show which character they are representing.

\*Next week is Red Ribbon Week!  Help your child participate by dressing them up according to these assignments on the specific day:

***Monday****: RED-y to say No (Wear RED): To kick off our week we are asking all students, faculty, and staff to show school pride and Wear RED.****Tuesday****: Too Smart to Start (College, University, Trade School, and Military Day): For College, University,* [*Trade School*](http://www.schcounselor.com/search/label/drug%20free)*, and Military Day we are asking students to show pride for their future by wearing a favorite college, university, trade school, or military shirt. Faculty and staff are also encouraged to participate.****Wednesday****: Too Bright for Drugs (Neon Colors): Students are encouraged to wear neon apparel to school.*

***Thursday****: Be a Hero for Change (Superhero Day): Students can dress up as their favorite super hero!*

- Don’t forget to check out our class web page from time to time. I try my best to post a few pictures from our week together every weekend so you can see your children engaged in their work! The site is: [www.teresaburger.weebly.com](http://www.teresaburger.weebly.com)

**Related Arts for This Week**: PE

**Daily Lunch Time:** 11:37 – 12:02 pm

**Other Information:**

**-** Each day your child will bring home his or her **Student Agenda**.  Please make sure to initial in the box on the page to the right of the message.  Also, please record the title(s) of the book your child read that night.

**-** Students brought home their **Reflection Folders** last Friday. Please be sure to read and respond to their reflection so they can return the folder to school on Monday!

**Daily Homework:**

* Read 15 minutes each night and record title in student agenda.
* Other suggested activities will be listed on the Snapshot for you and your child to complete.

**What will be learning next week?**

**Word Wall Words:**  world, something, please, thank, brown

*Reader’s Workshop:*

* Next week students will be presenting their Pumpkin Parade Project!  Please have your child practice presenting his or her pumpkin, book, and summaries at home.  We will also be determining the most important points within a variety of texts.  In addition, we will review story elements and parts of a paragraph in order to write an effective summary with a beginning, middle, and end.

*Math Workshop:*

* In math we will complete Unit 1 – Place Value, by completing the Unit Assessment and Transfer Task.  We will also be identifying and creating patterns in input and output function machines, and creating patterns of numbers using frames and arrows.  Students have taken the pre-assessment for Unit 2 – Operations and Algebraic Thinking.  The second grade teachers will analyze the results of this pre-assessment, as well as data from the MAP Math test, to determine the students’ next math rotations classroom, which will begin after fall break.

*Science:*

* Next week, students will be sharing their Monster creations and evaluating whether their monster fits the given criteria.  Students will then be conducting an investigation comparing the amount of friction between different types of shoes.  In order to do this we will be sliding shoes across the floor to discuss how the various types effect the distance the shoes travels.  Students will then graph their findings.  From this learning, we will discuss the purpose of shoes, and students will be designing an effective shoe sole that attaches to the bottom of a shoe.

*Writer’s Workshop:*

* Students will be learning about the author's purpose.  We will be discussing the three different purposes: to persuade (posters, advertisement), to inform (non-fiction, newspapers), to entertain (fiction stories).  We will also be discussing how authors often write for several purposes within a text.  Students will share their knowledge by writing samples of each of the purposes on a familiar topic, and choosing one of the forms to write in paragraph form.

**Important Dates to Remember:**

October 12th – 20th:  School Book Fair

October 17th: Pumpkin Parade Project is due

October 17th and 20th – Conferences with Mrs. Burger from 2:45 – 6pm

October 19th:  School Skate Night at 5:00-7:30pm at Champs. See flyer below:

<http://teacherweb.com/KY/HarmonyElementary/HarmonyPTA/2016-2017-HES-PTA-Champs-October-Flyer.pdf>

October 19th: Mrs. Burger’s class Book Fair shopping day from 9:30-10:00 am

October 21st – 28th:  Fall Break (No School)

November 5th: Harmony Harvest Fall Festival 5-8 pm

December 3rd Donuts with Santa 9am – 12pm