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

**10/3 – 10/7**

Dear Families,

- Don’t forget to begin working on the Pumpkin Parade Project!  The pumpkin and summary are due by Monday, October 17th.  Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this assignment.  I cannot wait to see their creativity and writing!

- Please be sure to sign up for Fall Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences.  These conferences will be partially student-led so your child will need to attend. The students have been organizing their Leadership Binders and placing valued work, goals, celebrations, etc. in their binder to share with you at conferences.  My conferences will be on Monday, October 17th and Thursday, October 20th from 2:45-6:00 pm. You can sign up using the following link: <http://signup.com/go/oqmZff>

- We have started our guided reading groups. Starting this week, your child will bring home the book they are reading in a special plastic Reading Group folder. The folder will only come home 1-2 evenings a week. On the day your child brings their reading group book home, I would like them to read that book for their 15 minutes of daily reading and record the book title in their agenda. Please, please, please help them to return the folder and book the next day as we need them for our reading group. If these books are lost or damaged, it is your responsibility to replace them. The students are excited to bring their books home to share with you! Many groups are working on writing summaries about books, so there will at times be short assignments included along with reading their book.

- 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**: Art

**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:** morning, leave, turn, hard, along

*Reader’s Workshop:*

* Next week in reading we will be determining important information from a given text.  Students will practice determining important information from song lyrics and wordless picture books, prior to completing this task in appropriately-leveled books.  In addition, we will review story elements and the keys to retelling major story events.  Students will become familiar with explaining the plot, and identifying the problem (conflict) and resolution of a fiction story.

*Math Workshop:*

* In math we will focus on new strategies that will help us to add and subtract within 20.  Students must be capable of utilizing each strategy and identifying which strategy is best for a given problem.  We will spend the beginning of the week understanding fact families and turn-around facts. We will also work on “making 10,” and the remainder of the week will be focused on doubles and near doubles facts.  We will continue using all of these strategies in our next unit when we begin to add and subtract within 100.

*Social Studies:*

* Next week we will introduce our last habit, Habit 7 – Sharpen the Saw.  This habit focuses on taking care of one’s own body, brain, heart, and soul.  Students will discuss ideas that will better themselves and determine ways in which they can improve on this habit.

*Writer’s Workshop:*

* We will begin explanatory writing by creating a list of ideas that we are knowledgeable about in order to create a paragraph about a chosen topic.  We will choose one idea, brainstorm key concepts to this idea, and begin organizing key details in paragraph form.  Students will build on their knowledge of paragraph writing to complete this explanatory writing task.

**Important Dates to Remember:**

October 7th:  PTA Membership Blitz ends

October 11th:  Vision and Hearing Screenings

October 12th:  Early Release Day

October 12th: *Reflections* entries due to school

October 12th – 20th:  School Book Fair

October 17th: Pumpkin Parade Project is due (feel free to send in earlier!)

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

October 19th:  School Skate Night at 5:00-7:30pm at Champs

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

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

December 3rd Donuts with Santa 9am – 12pm