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

**3/27 – 3/31**

Dear Families,

\*We have officially completed all 2nd grade Word Wall Words.  There will be no word wall words this week.  After spring break, students will have differentiated spelling lists based on a program called Words Their Way.

\*Because we will not be conferencing with the Leadership Binders for the remainder of the year, students will be taking home their Exit Slips in math on a weekly basis so that you can see the progress that your child is making.  You may also see more assignments, transfer tasks, assessments, etc. from other subject-areas coming home with your child.

\*Pennies for Patients lasts until Friday, March 31st.  Please have your child bring money to school in the box to dump into our classroom box.  Our school goal is to raise $10,000!  Our class goal is $400.00. If you would like to place an online donation you may use the following link:

<http://events.lls.org/pages/ky/HarmonyElementarySchool-2017/TBurger>

\*This week, in order to raise money for Pennies for Patients, students can participate in a “Special Spirit Week” by participating on the following days:

Monday:  Bring in 50 cents and wear your favorite sports team attire

Tuesday:  Bring in 50 cents and wear your pajamas

Wednesday:  Bring in 50 cents and dress like your principal

Thursday:  Bring in 50 cents and dress like a Superhero

Friday:  Bring in $1 and turn Mrs. Hackmiller into a hotdog!

\*KPREP for grades 3 – 5 is scheduled in May.  No visitors or volunteers will be allowed in the building from May 14th – May 24th.

**What are we learning next week?**

**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.

**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.

**Word Wall Words:** No word wall words this week

**Reading:** In reading we will discuss the elements of trickster tales.  Students will need to be able to identify the theme of these tales, and provide evidence that supports their thinking.  In addition, we will continue to work on building fluency and expression by practicing with Readers Theater scripts, and working with a group to present their play to the class.

**Writing:** We will begin next week finishing our folktales, which should include major story elements, such as a moral, repeating phrases, sets of 3, and good vs. evil.  We will then begin brainstorming the parts of our significant story that the students have learned from a family member.  They will practice retelling the story on their hands, using the 5-finger retell strategy.  The students will then work to write their stories and embellish some details to make their stories better.

**Math:** Next week in math we will continue working on measurement, and will apply our knowledge from the past few weeks to solve addition and subtraction measurement word problems.  Students will have to observe the clue words from the word problems in order to decide whether to add or subtract.  By the end of the week, all students will have to solve one- and two-step addition and subtraction word problems using a symbol for an unknown number.

**Science:** We will continue to discuss habitats throughout next week.  Students will be creating their own habitat for the Louisville Zoo.  They will work in groups to create a circle chart of animal characteristics, and assign roles to complete this designing task.  At the end of next week, we will begin our Economics Unit which will cover wants and needs, supply and demand, goods and services, consumers and producers, and savers and spenders.

**Important Dates:**

March 13th – March 31st:  Pennies for Patients

April 3rd – 7th:  Spring Break

April 11th:  Board Meeting at 9:00am; Tentative Playground Meeting at 10:00am

April 14th:  Deadline to order and personalize school yearbooks

April 21st:  Mother Son Event at 6:30 – 8:30pm at Creasey Mahan Nature Preserve fields by the playground

April 22nd:  PTA Earth Day Project at 2:00 – 4:00pm at HES

 May 5th: Oaks Day, No School

May 14th – 24th: KPREP testing for grades 3-5. No visitors in the building.

May 29th: Memorial Day, No School

June 1st: Students last day of school