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

**8/29 – 9/2**

Dear Families,

We have completed our first full week of second grade! The students were such hard workers all week and are doing a great job at adjusting to all of their new rules and routines. Second grade even received recognition from Mrs. Pfaff on the morning announcements for doing such a great job at being quiet in the hallways!

Don’t forget that Harmony’s Parent Orientation is this coming Tuesday, August 30th. The orientation will begin in the gym at 6:30 pm with the PTA. This will be followed by two classroom sessions; one from 6:50-7:10 and the other from 7:25 – 7:45 pm. We will review your child’s day and other information important to our classroom. If you are unable to attend, I will send home a copy of my presentation with your child on Wednesday.

**Related Arts for This Week**: Technology - Monday through Thursday / Art - Friday

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

**Other Information:**

**-** If you have not returned your Student Spotlight Paper or Time for Kids money ($5), please do so as soon as possible. The students have loved hearing their Spotlights but I am still missing a few and do not want anyone to feel left out!

**-** Every Monday your child will come home with a “Snapshot” of the week.  This is the form that looks like the agenda from last year.  You may keep this at home to refer to when needed and ask your child about what he or she learned that day.  You do not need to sign or fill out this form.

**-** Each day your child will bring home his or her Student Agenda.  Please 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.  Any quick notes or messages from you to me or vice versa can also go on this page as I will check it and initial it daily.

**-** Family Reflection Folders went home for the second time Friday!  Please read and respond to your child on the next notebook page.  They absolutely LOVE reading what you write to them. Please make sure to print your letter, rather than writing in cursive ☺ Students need to return their Reflection Folder on Mondays.

- If you plan to help as a parent volunteer, please make sure you have completed the background check and online confidentiality training.  This can be accessed by going to the Harmony website, clicking the parent tab, and then Confidentiality training video and form. Information about volunteering in the classroom will be given at Parent Orientation.

- Math flexible grouping will begin on Monday!  A yellow form was sent home on Friday with more information regarding this rotation method.  Please be sure to contact your child’s Unit 1 math teacher with any questions regarding math until we begin another unit.

**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 starting this week!

**What will be learning next week?**

*Reader’s Workshop:*

* Next week we will introduce, review, and discuss the different kinds of fiction and non-fiction texts.  We will also observe a variety of books in order to determine whether they are classified as fiction or non-fiction.  We will also have library orientation in order to practice our library checkout routine.
* Students will also begin working on the second grade word wall list. These are the most common words found when reading grade level text. Our first words are:
  + high, men, wish, love, done

*Math Workshop:*

* In math we will begin our new classroom rotations and will spend this week beginning Unit 1 – Place Value.  We will focus on finding the value of each digit in a four-digit number, and practice building and sketching numbers with base-ten blocks.  In addition, we will discuss the purpose and value of a 0 in a number.

*Social Studies:*

This week we will introduce Habit 2 – Begin with the End in Mind.Students will be choosing a possible career choice, and determining steps in order to accomplish their goal.  We will also be choosing a personal and/or academic goal for the school year for their Leadership Binder.  Finally, we will discuss what it means to have a growth mindset in order to accomplish a goal. We will also learn about being a bucket filler vs. a bucket dipper and begin taking time each week to fill our classmate’s buckets with compliments ☺

*Writer’s Workshop:*

* We will begin the week practicing our writing stamina, setting a goal to write for at least 5 minutes without distractions and keeping pencils moving.  We will also introduce our Quick Word Book where students can refer to when they have a spelling question.  Finally, we will begin discussing and utilizing various punctuation marks and their purposes, such as periods, commas, exclamation points, and question marks.

**Important Dates to Remember:**

August 30th: Parent Orientation for grades K-2 (PTA Presentation 6:30-6:45 pm, Classroom Sessions 6:50 – 7:10 pm and 7:25 – 7:45 pm)

Scholastic Book Orders for our classroom are due on Tuesday, August 30th.

August 31st:  Deadline to re-enroll in [Kroger Community Rewards](http://teacherweb.com/KY/HarmonyElementary/HarmonyPTA/apt31.aspx) in order to support your PTA

September 5th:  Labor Day – No School

September 7th:  Early Release (Dismissal at 12:20 pm)

September 23rd:  Husky Hustle Fun Run during Related Arts class time (12:35-1:20pm)