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

**9/6 – 9/9**

Dear Families,

Happy Labor Day weekend! I hope everyone has a fun and relaxing one.

This Wednesday, September 7th will be our first Early Release Day. Students are dismissed at 12:20 pm. If transportation for this day will be different than what was specified on your child’s transportation form at the beginning of the year, please be sure to let the office know by sending in a note on Wednesday.

Thank you so much for attending Tuesday night’s Parent Orientation.  If you were unable to attend I have attached the PowerPoint that I presented on that night, as well as our 2nd Grade Handbook for you to refer to when needed.  Both will also be available on our class blog.

Our school is in need of extra clothes for students who get wet, have accidents etc. We are looking for pants and shorts for both boys and girls in smaller sizes.  Any donations would be appreciated!

Next week we will begin MAP testing.  We will test on three separate days spread over three weeks. Second graders will be evaluated in the areas of math, reading, and language.  Students will take this MAP test again in May, and we will use this test as a tool in order to determine his or her growth throughout the year in each subject-area. Our class’s first testing session will be on Tuesday, September 6th from 10-11 am. As always, please make sure your child gets to bed on time and eats a healthy breakfast!

**Related Arts for This Week**: Art

**Daily Lunch Time:** 11:37 – 12:02 pm / Early Release Day Lunch Time: 11:06-11:31 am

**Other Information:**

**-** Thank you so much to everyone for taking the time to write your child’s Spotlight. They absolutely loved being the center of attention ☺

**-** 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 today!  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 when we return to school Tuesday.

- 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.

**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?**

*Reader’s Workshop:*

* In reading we will be discussing ways we can record our thinking about our just right books inside our reader’s notebooks.  We will also be reviewing strategies that we can use to solve unknown words.  In addition, we will be introducing “fix-up strategies,” which readers can use when struggling with comprehension.  Some examples of fix-up strategies include: rereading, reading on, picture clues, text features, schema, making connections and making predictions.
* Words for the week of September 6th are:
  + cold, hand, myself, might, hold

*Math Workshop:*

* In math we will begin the week by create a place value tool to show numbers up to 999.  We will also be introducing how to write and read the expanded form of a three-digit number.  For example, 329 = 300 + 20 +9.  We will be matching three-digit numbers in their standard form to their expanded form and vice versa.

*Social Studies:*

* We will introduce Habit 3 – Put First Things First.  This habit focuses on setting goals, making a schedule, and following an organized plan.  Students will be identifying their top priorities (big rocks), from their less important priorities (small rocks), in order to accomplish their goals.
* We will also continue to fill each other’s buckets with compliments and kind words.

*Writer’s Workshop:*

* Next week we will continue to discuss and utilize the various types of punctuation.  Examples of punctuation include periods, commas, exclamation points, and question marks.  We will implement a variety of punctuation into comic strips that we will create.
* We also continue to build our stamina for independent writing.

**Important Dates to Remember:**

September 5th:  Labor Day – No School

September 6th:  PTA Meeting at 9:00am in the Cafeteria; Girl Scout parent meeting at 6:15pm in the Cafeteria

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

September 8th:  Boy Scout parent meeting at 6:15pm in the Cafeteria

September 9th:  Cross Country pasta dinner in the cafeteria at 6:15pm

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