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

**4/10 – 4/17**

Dear Families,

\*Starting after spring break, your child will bring home a new list of words based on a word pattern. This list needs to be kept in their Take Home Folder so they can practice their words at school and home. We will spend two weeks studying the word pattern together at school. Students will sort the words, practice using the words, and look for these words in their just right books. The first test for the new lists will be on Friday, April 21st. Please help your child to remember to keep their word list in their Take Home folder so I do not have to make multiple copies.

\*Thank you everyone for your generosity in giving during our Pennies with Patients campaign. All children participated in helping to turn Mrs. Hackmiller into a hot dog, and we raised a lot of money for a really great cause. Once I have our class total I will be sure to send it out to you.

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

\*After spring break, we will begin our Geography Unit in Social Studies.  Please have your child bring in a map to observe features from on Tuesday, April 11th.  It can be a map of a city, state, zoo, etc.  Also, please help your child to memorize his or her house address for a future activity that we will complete in class.

\*There will be no Book-It Calendars for the remainder of the year.  Keep in mind, all Pizza Hut coupons earned from a reading calendar expire on May 1st.

\*Please see the attachment for information about our class’s Dance Assembly on Friday, April 21st at 8:15am.  All families are welcome to attend!

**What are we learning next week?**

**Related Arts for this Week: Music**

**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:** New lists are coming home on Monday, April 10th. We have two different lists. Depending on your child’s results from the pre-assessment, they are either studying A Review of Vowel Patterns in One-Syllable words or Short a vs. Long a.

**Reading:** In reading, we will begin our poetry unit after spring break.  We will begin by reviewing the elements of a poem, such as language, alliteration, repeated lines, rhythm, and rhyme.  We will be locating these elements in various poems that the students will read and observe.  We will then learn about the thinking strategy synergizing.  We will discuss how synthesizing ideas can help one become a better reader, because our thinking grows and changes as we read.

**Writing:** After spring break, we will be exploring poetry books and recording our observations.  We will use a variety of nature’s objects in order to “see with poet’s eyes.”  In addition, we will practice listening to poems and identifying necessary places for line breaks.  Finally, we will work to put our powerful thoughts into a small moment, by narrowing a topic down to a feeling in a specific moment.

**Math:** In math we will continue our measuring unit by focusing on collecting and displaying measured data on a line plot.  We will also practice creating our own line plots.  By the end of the week, all students will need to be able to measure the lengths of several objects and show the measurements by making a line plot, where the scale is equally divided in whole-number units.

**Social Studies:** After spring break, we will begin our Geography Unit by discussing and observing the globe and a variety of maps.  Please have your child bring in a map to observe features from on Tuesday, April 11th.  It can be a map of a city, state, zoo, etc.  We will discuss the features of the maps, such as the key, scale, compass, symbols, and title.  We will also discuss the term birds-eye-view, and will be creating maps using this perspective.  Please have your child practice memorizing his or her home address, which will be needed in a Geography activity later in the week.

**Important Dates:**

April 3rd – 7th:  Spring Break

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

April 14th:  Deadline to order and personalize school yearbooks

April 19th:  Huskypalooza t-shirt orders due

April 21st:  Dance Assembly Day at 8:15am in the Gym; 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 1st – 5th:  Staff Appreciation Week

May 2nd:  PTA Board Meeting at 9:00am; Tentative Playground meeting at 10:00am

May 4th:  Pink Out

May 5th:  No School – Oak’s Day

May 18th:  General PTA Meeting at 6:30pm

May 20th:  Huskypalooza at 5:00 – 8:00pm

May 29th:  No School – Memorial Day

May 30th:  5th Grade Recognition in Gym at 6:30 – 7:45pm with reception to follow

June 1st:  Last Day of School!