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

**5/1 – 5/4**

Dear Families,

\*Our lunch-and-shop Book Fair day is Thursday, May 11th.  Feel free to come in to enjoy lunch with your child at 11:37-12:02, and then come directly with us to the Book Fair to shop at 12:02 – 12:30pm!

\*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:** Students received a new list of words last week. Our test on ten of these words will be on this Thursday, May 4th. Please ask your child to practice their words at home. Please keep their word sort paper inside their Take Home folder.

**What are we learning next week?**

**Reading:** In reading, students will work to identify specific strategies that he or she can use to identify the meanings of unknown words in a text.  We will be using context clues to interpret the meaning of these words.  Students can look for synonyms, antonyms, examples, definitions, and parts of the word to be a word detective and find the meaning of an unknown word.

**Writing:** Students will practice stretching out a comparison in a poem across many lines in order to make their ideas more powerful.  We will also be observing different poem structures, and exploring these mentor texts to see how they are structured and to help revise our own poems.  Finally, we will discuss how various poem structures are done purposefully to match the feelings of the authors.

**Math:** Next week in math we will begin our unit on partitioning shapes and telling time to the five minute interval.  The students have been regrouped and will go to the appropriate math group, depending upon their scores on the Unit 5 pre-assessment and MAP math test.  Students will begin the unit by constructing an analog clock in class to help them practice telling time.  They will be asked to identify the time, as well as to draw the hour and minute hands on the clock.  Please practice telling time at home with your child as an extra review!

**Social Studies:** This week we will be discussing the significance of the Kentucky Derby as we lead into the eventful weekend!

**Important Dates:**

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 10th:  Book Fair lunch and shop (Lunch at 11:37 – 12:02 pm; Shop at 12:02 – 12:30pm)

May 15th – 24th:  No parents allowed in building due to KPREP Testing

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

May 19th:  All library books must be returned

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!