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

**5/15 – 5/19**

Dear Families,

\*KPREP for grades 3 – 5 begins next week. No visitors or volunteers will be allowed in the building from May 15th – May 24th.

\* On Tuesday, May 16th, our classroom will have a Popcorn and Poetry writing celebration. Students are encouraged to bring in an additional snack and drink to enjoy during our poetry reading. The students have worked very hard to write poems during our poetry unit, and I cannot wait for them to have the opportunity to share with each other. Please make sure drinks are non-caffeinated ☺

\*On Thursday, May 18th, from 9:00 – 11:00am, all Kindergarten, First, and Second grade students will be walking to North Oldham High School to work with the high schoolers on activities such as assembling scrapbooks or leadership binders, reading, playing math games, and participating in organized games.  A green field trip permission slip was sent home on Tuesday with your child.  If you have not done so already, please be sure to sign and return the permission slip to school as soon as possible.

**What are we learning next week?**

**Related Arts for this Week: Music (Monday) and PE (Tuesday – Friday)**

**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 will receive a new word list on Monday, May 8th. Our next word wall quiz will be on Friday, May 19th. 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 we will be focusing on synthesizing information, and leaving “tracks of thinking” about a text.  Students will be reading a variety of texts and creating organized notes as a strategy to help them understand the main idea and supporting details of their books.

**Writing:** We will finish up our poem unit by having students edit their poems by reading them aloud.  We will then be presenting our edited poems by reading them aloud to the class as our “poem unit celebration.”

**Math:** In math, students will practice building shapes using their schema on the number of sides and angles of a triangle, quadrilateral, pentagon, and hexagon.  We will discuss these attributes and focus on the variety of ways we can create these shapes, but still use the correct number of sides and angles.  We will also talk about how a square is related to a cube, by creating this 3D shape using squares.  In addition, we will be partitioning the shapes that we have learned into equal halves, thirds, and fourths.  All second graders will also be getting some extra practice with repeated addition by creating and solving multiplication problems as we introduce equal parts addition.

**Social Studies:** Students will be brainstorming ideas and setting goals in order to motivate themselves to stay healthy and “sharpen the saw” over summer break.  We will also be visiting the high school on Thursday and completing service projects with the high schoolers as a fun and creative way to give back to the community!

**Important Dates:**

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

May 17th:  Cross Country Parent Meeting at 6:30pm in the cafeteria

May 18th:  Field Trip to North Oldham High School at 9:00 – 11:00am; General PTA Meeting and Election for PTA Board at 6:30pm

May 19th:  Pink Out for Hope Scarves; 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!