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

**9/19 – 9/23**

Dear Families,

We will take the third and final section of the MAP test this coming **Tuesday**. This section is called Language. Please make sure your child gets to bed on time and eats a healthy breakfast!

Our class library check-out day is on **Wednesdays**. Please make sure students bring their two checked out books back to school so they can choose two new books.

**The Husky Hustle is this coming Friday, September 23rd**! We will participate during our related arts time from 12:35 – 1:20 pm. Students should be trying to collect donations. These are due by Wednesday. Our class set a goal to raise $500. Every penny counts! The first six students to raise $250 and turn in these Pledge Coupons each win a $25 Target gift card.  The top three earners will receive Amazon gift cards of $200 for first place, $100 for second place, and $50 for third place.  In addition, every teacher will receive 10% of the donations that the class brings in for the Hustle.  The classroom that raises the most money will receive 25% of the donations that the class collects! Please feel free to come in and join your child as they walk or run outside at the Hustle.

**Related Arts for This Week**: PE

**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.

**-** Students brought home their **Reflection Folders** last Friday. Please be sure to read and respond to their reflection so they can return the folder to school on Monday!

**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:*

* **Word Wall Words for the week of September 19th are:** clean, took, head, money, third
* Next week in reading we will continue to practice using fix-up strategies to keep our thinking about our just right books crystal clear. We will also begin our ELA Unit 2, Building Bridges with Unlikely Friends. We will start by learning about character traits, words that describe both the inside (feelings, thoughts) and outside (appearance, behavior) traits of a character. Students will compare and contrast traits about themselves with another classmate. Then we will compare and contrast character traits of the main characters from Charlotte’s Web. Next we will begin to discuss how to describe the setting of a story with descriptive language.

*Math Workshop:*

* In math we will continue comparing two 3-digit numbers using the greater than, less than, and equal to symbols (+, -, =). We will also continue to practice skip-counting by 2’s, 5’s, 10’s and 100’s. In 2nd grade, students must be able to start their skip-counting pattern from any given number, rather than just from zero; for example: skip count by 5’s starting at the number 25.

*Social Studies:*

* Next week we will introduce Habit 5 – Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood.

I listen to other people's ideas and feelings.  I try to see things from their viewpoint (paradigm).  I listen to others without interrupting.  I listen with my ears, my eyes, and my heart.  I am confident in voicing my ideas.

*Writer’s Workshop:*

* In writing we will learn how to write a friendly letter. The usage and meaning of commas within the greeting and closing will be emphasized, as well as the five main parts of the letter (heading, greeting, body, closing, and signature.) Students will practice writing friendly letters to a mystery second grade student from Harmony. Their pen pal will be revealed the following week after they have corresponded with each other two times. During this process, we will practice asking questions and responding to questions within the letter format.
* We also continue to build our stamina for independent writing.

**Important Dates to Remember:**

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

September 30th:  Coupon Book payments due

October 7th:  PTA Membership Blitz ends

October 11th:  Vision and Hearing Screenings

October 12th:  Early Release

October 12th: *Reflections* entries due to school

October 12th – 20th:  School Book Fair

October 19th:  School Skate Night at 5:00-7:30pm at Champs

October 21st – 28th:  Fall Break (No School)

November 5th: Harmony Harvest Fall Festival 5-8 pm

December 3rd Donuts with Santa 9am – 12pm