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

**9/26 – 9/30**

Dear Families,

Thank you so much for all of the Husky Hustle donations! At last count, our class raised over $600.00! Wow! The students were so excited that we met our goal.

Today all students were given information about a Pumpkin Parade Project.  The information sheet will be in your child’s take-home folder.  I have attached the instruction sheet, as well as an example for this assignment to this email.  This is a fun, creative, and engaging project that the second graders started two years ago.  We will display these projects outside the classroom and in the library.  The pumpkin and summary are due by Monday, October 17th.  I can’t wait to see their creativity and writing! I encourage you to purchase a craft pumpkin for this activity, as they can be kept for years to come. These are sold at Michaels, Jo Ann’s, Wal-Mart, etc. If your child uses a real pumpkin, we are also not allowed to transport them on the bus. Your child will need to be dropped off at school that day. The pumpkin will also have to be picked back up from school, unless you want me to dispose of it for you prior to fall break.

It is time to sign up for Fall Conferences! We are trying something new this year. This year conferences will be partially student-led, so it is important that your child also attend with you. They will share their Leadership Binder and work samples with you.  My conferences will be on Monday, October 17th and Thursday, October 20th from 2:45-6:00 pm. I will send out a separate email with the information, but you can also sign up using the following link: <http://signup.com/go/oqmZff>

**Related Arts for This Week**: Technology

**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:** water, though, early, sure, show

* In reading we will be reviewing inside and outside character traits.  We will continue to infer inside traits through actions and dialogues in a text.  We will also be learning about how to describe a setting of a story.  Our focus will be on the three parts of a setting:  place, time, and environment.   In addition, we will read and discuss the main idea of a Time for Kids article.

*Math Workshop:*

* In math we will introduce strategies that will help us to add and subtract within 20, such as using manipulatives, drawing pictures, using a number line, using a 100’s chart, etc.  Students will be asked to solve word problems using the most effective strategy.   We will also be highlighting key words that tell us to add and subtract, and representing numbers in different ways.  Finally, we will be introducing Fact Families, which will help us to identify the relationship between addition and subtraction problems.

*Social Studies:*

* Next week we will introduce Habit 6 – Synergize.  Synergy is the habit of creative cooperation.  Students will practice collaborating with their peers by seeking out other ideas to solve problems, because “two heads are better than one!”

*Writer’s Workshop:*

* In writing we will continue to practice writing a friendly letter.  We will be reading and responding to our “Mystery Pen Pal’s” letter in the correct format.  We will also be reviewing the elements that make up a quality sentence.  We will be looking at the W words (who, what, when, where, why), and answering these type of questions to form an effective sentence.

**Important Dates to Remember:**

September 30th:  Coupon Book payments due and All About Me posters are 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 17th: Pumpkin Parade Project is due (feel free to send in earlier!)

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