Second Grade Newsletter
November 10, 2017

Reading/Language -This week we read the folktales How Chipmunk Got His Stripes and Why Rabbits Have Short Tails. The students enjoyed these tales about how these animals have stripes and short tails. We learned that in folktales the main characters often learn a lesson. This is called the moral of the story. We focused on the summarizing strategy--learning to stop as you read to tell important events. We also learned about synonyms, or words that have the same or similar meanings.

Spelling-This week we focused on the –ed and –ing endings. We also learned the rule that if a word ends in silent e, you have to drop the e first before adding –ed or –ing. Look for new words to come home on Monday, November 13. The test will be Friday, November 17.

Math- This week we took our chapter 3 test and started chapter 4. Chapter 4 is on double digit addition. ***Please practice with your child at home—students should have their basic facts memorized. This helps tremendously when working with 2-digit addition and subtraction.*** A great website that we use to practice our facts is XtraMath (click on the link below). If you don't want to use a website, flashcards are another excellent way to memorize the facts.
*Remember you can log into www.thinkcentral.com if your child is having difficulty with a concept. There are videos on the website that show you step-by-step instructions. ***This past week we reviewed Chapter 4, Lesson 1, 2, and 3 if you are trying to look up the lessons online***

Social Studies—This week we discussed the Native American tribe, the Inuit. We learned that most people call the Inuit "Eskimos". But this is a term they do not prefer. We will learn about other Native American tribes this school year since it is part of the 2nd grade social studies curriculum.

Science- This week we finished up our animal research presentations. ***Remember our presentations are on Friday, November 17! (See below for times)***

Dates to Remember/Homework:
Monday, November 13—***Family Turkey Projects due today*. Homework: Math worksheet. Spelling words go home today.
Tuesday, November 14-- Homework: Read supplemental story of the week and poetry folder.
Wednesday, November 15-- Homework: Math worksheet
Thursday, November 16-- Homework: Read anchor story of the week. Grammar/Phonics online test today. Study for tomorrow's spelling test!
Friday, November 17— Spelling test today. Vocabulary/Comprehension online test today. PBIS Spirit Day-Wear "silly socks" today. ***Animal Research Presentations in the school library today. Family members are welcomed to attend.**
Mrs. Jastrzab's class—10:30-11:30am
Mrs. Murphy's class—1:00-2:00pm
Mrs. Jendersak's class—2:00-3:00pm

Upcoming Dates to Remember
Monday, November 20--No School, Parent Teacher Conferences 10:00am-8:00pm
Tuesday, November 21--No School, Parent Teacher Conferences 8:30am-11:30am
Wednesday, November 22-Friday, November 24--No School, Thanksgiving Break