

2nd grade newsletter

February 24, 2017

Reading/English : This week's story was ***The Signmaker's Assistant***, a humorous fiction text about a boy who makes silly signs to see if the townspeople follow them or not. We learned about words that have shades of meaning, which means synonyms and how some have a stronger meaning than others. We also discussed text and graphic features—we used pictures from the story to tell us more about the plot. We also read the play ***The Trouble with Signs***. Our grammar skill of the week focused on using commas in dates, places, and in friendly letters.

Spelling: This week our spelling pattern dealt with words with the ar sound. Next week, we will take our pre-test on Monday, February 27 and the post-test on Friday, March 3.

Math: We wrapped up our chapter on money and time this week. We took the test on Wednesday. Please continue to practice these skills with your child at home. We will touch base with them daily as well. These skills are very important, as they are lifelong skills. Our next chapter will start next week. It focuses on measurement. If you did not send your child with a ruler in the beginning of the school year, please do so soon. We will need them for this chapter.

*Remember to 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 all of Chapter 7 if you are trying to look up the lessons online***

Science: We wrapped up our unit on animal and plant dependencies. We also designed and created our Super Bugs! Students could use all or some of the following supplies to make their bug: toilet paper rolls, cotton balls, pipe cleaners, paper, tape, and craft sticks. Students had to make sure their bug could move pollen and seeds from one location to another. We tested our bugs and made changes in case it could not disperse pollens and seeds.

Homework and Dates to Remember:

Monday, February 27- Homework-Math worksheet

Tuesday, February 28- Homework- Poetry Folder and read *Heroes: Then and Now* p.194-196*Return to school the next day your Reading Homework Slip and your textbook.

Wednesday, March 1- Homework- Math worksheet

Thursday, March 2- Homework- Read *Dex: The Heart of a Hero* p.162-189 *Return to school the next day your Reading Homework Slip and your textbook. Online assessments for grammar and phonics tests today.

Friday, March 3- 12:10 dismissal today due to Teacher's Institute. Remember, students can still bring in a snack to eat, but no lunch today. Spelling Test today. Online assessments for vocabulary and comprehension today.

Monday, March 6 - No School, Pulaski Day

Monday, March 13- Leprechaun Traps are due today *A letter explaining this project went home on Thursday. **Please note: Students cannot use a "No Homework Pass" for this project. Every student must complete it.