

September 17, 2021

Happy Friday!

Thank you so much for the items that were sent in for our life science unit! If you still have items to send in please send them with your child as soon as possible.

Please remember that next Friday, September 24th is a non-student day. Please return red folders and all completed homework pages on Thursday next week.

Thank you all for being so understanding regarding the red take home folders and math assignments. Red folders will come home on Monday. On the inside the right hand side contains any homework that will be due back on Fridays. The left hand side will be completed work or important information from myself. Please take all papers out of the left side of the folder. They are yours to keep.

Homework for next week will be lessons 2 and 4 for math, and one grammar page. Also, please take at least 20 minutes each night to read with your child. Students have until Thursday to return all work to me in their red folder. **If your child goes to a different math teacher they may have a different assignment.**

Earlier this week I sent out a google form about parent teacher conferences coming in October. I will be offering both zoom and in person conferences, but I want to make sure that I have enough slots available. If you haven't already, please fill out the [form](#) as soon as possible.

Please remember to send your child with a water bottle to school each day. The water fountains are closed, but the water bottle refill remains open. There are a few students that consistently forget to bring their water bottles.

I will be placing a Scholastic book order next week if you wish to order. There are a lot more options on their website for books, feel free to check it out. Please use this [link](#) and our class code: **PL9V8** I will place the orders on Sept. 24th.

Also remember that purchasing items for school use can also be applied towards volunteer hours. There will be opportunities throughout the school year for engineering supplies and here is the link to my [wishlist](#). Please remember to log any hours or purchases. You can use this [link](#) for information about volunteering.

Here's what we've been working on:

Writing

We have started a new writing unit on procedural writing or how-to writing. Children will write about teaching someone how to do something or make something.

Reading

Small group instruction for reading started this week. Each group will be reading a fictional book. Our main focus this week was characters, setting, and events. For phonics work we have begun our focus on words that have -th and -wh.

Math

This week we moved some students around to help meet the needs of each student and where they are at in their math journey. Most of your children will remain in my classroom, but a few will be going to Ms. Slater's class for math.

Science

This week we continue our life science unit. Our mealworms have now transformed into darkling beetles. The brassica fast plants have sprouted into seedlings, and our caterpillars are beginning to show their first signs of transformation.

Social Studies

This week and next we will begin wrapping up our map unit. Students can correctly identify directions including northeast, northwest, southeast, and southwest.

There is always a lot happening in second grade! As always if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to email me.

Hope you all have a great weekend.

~Tami