

# Ms. Chelsee's Message in a Bottle

(from the "non-shipwrecked" S.S. Gr 2)

October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015



## Anchors Aweigh!

Only 2 days left in the first quarter!!! Floatation device has been averted!!! As we head into the next quarter, there are some classroom changes you should know about. Read on to find out more!



## Waving Flippers & Fins!!!

As always, thanks AGAIN to the "Sanitizing Sea Urchins" for our weekly classroom and yoga mat cleansing, "Behind the Scene Voyagers" who are helping and contributing in countless ways off school property and "Deep Sea Fisher-people" who helped create "Fin" Friday.

Thank you to everyone for turning in your TIPS homework via email. You are doing a great job! The Sea Lions enjoy being rewarded with sand dollars because of you! Keep it up!



## Homework:

Spelling Tests on Thursdays will start Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>. With this change comes a slight tweak to our Nautical HW Loxodograph (homework log) and spelling cards. With Spelling Tests on Thursdays, your sea lion will correct his/her errors on Friday. This will give them the opportunity to take their graded spelling tests home Fridays and label/mark their new spelling cards in class (instead of over the weekend). \*\*You are still invited (and encouraged) to review and/or finish marking spelling cards over the weekend.

As discussed at the PIN, Math Fact Fluency Quizzes will be given and graded at least once a week. I have decided to do this on Mondays! Everyone (at PIN) has been given a packet of addition fact fluency sheets for your sea lion to practice on. (If you didn't get one, please check out the "Waves of communication wall" behind our classroom door for your copy). It is the goal that every 2<sup>nd</sup> grader accurately answer 20 fact fluency (addition and subtraction - given separately) problems in 1 minute by the end of 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Your sea lion's second quarter goal/target is to get 10 correct in one minute. (third quarter, 15 correct, fourth quarter, 20 correct)



## Tip of the Iceberg:

Get "swimming" this weekend with your sea lion! Enjoy the cool crisp mornings or evenings with a walk! Try finding natural habitats along the way! What a nautical adventure! Don't forget your floaties!



## No Birthday "Shell"-ebrations this week:



Please ask your matey about this week's "Posh Port Holes":

- \*Decorations through different cultures in Art with Ms. Katje.
- \*Spending time with Ms. M and Ms. Casey!
- \*Our first ELA test.
- \*Empathy (Word of the Week)
- \*Hook, line and sinker! (Finally, our first silent sea auction!)



## Treasured Dates:

October 27<sup>th</sup>:

End of first quarter!

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### October 29<sup>th</sup>:

#### Pumpkin Day!

Tis not a sea biscuit! Tis a pumpkin!!! Come help celebrate pumpkins with a day filled with Pumpkin activities. Please bring a pumpkin (about the size of your sea lion's head (or smaller)) with the top cut for seed scooping purposes by the 29<sup>th</sup> of October.

We will also celebrate the "sea lion way" the last hour of the day in the classroom. You are welcome to join us AND share a treat or trinket with the class (healthy, non-spooky options only please!)

If you want to participate in the morning activities and earn CLASSROOM hours, you can sign up at the following link:  
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4daeae28aafd0-pumpkin1>

### November 2<sup>nd</sup>:

Picture retakes!

### November 13<sup>th</sup>:

Movie under the stars at HLA

### November 16<sup>th</sup>:

Second Grade Parent Conferences!

(Please check out our Conferences Sign-up Genius to lock in your spot.) If you have multiple siblings in different grades attending HLA, please see me to schedule your slot. I want to be sure to accommodate your schedule and collaborate with the other teacher(s) involved so as to make your conference time more conducive!

## "Deck Swabbin' Vocab-Picture-Match List"

We will not have a spelling test as we only have 3 days of class this upcoming week. Instead, we will have a vocab-picture-match quiz on the scientific names/binomial names of our garden plants & vegetables and the process of such.



Olericulture (*science of vegetable growing*)



Ironweed (*Veronia spp.*)



*Spinacia oleracea* (*Spinach*)



*Allium spp* (*Green Onion*)



*Fragaria* (*strawberry*)



Tropical Sage (*Salvia Coccinea*)



Partridge Pea (*Chamaecrista Fasciculata*)



*Daucus carota* subsp. *sativus* (*Carrot*)



Blue Mistflower (*Conoclinium Coelestinum*)



*Cucurbita Pepo* (*Pumpkin*)