

Ms. Chelsee's Message in a Bottle
(from the "non-shipwrecked" S.S. Gr 2)

October 9th, 2015



Anchors Aweigh!

The eighth week is here! You are doing great! Keep up the super work with your TIPS assignments. Your sea lions (as well I) really appreciate your efforts.



Waving Flippers & Fins!!!

THANKS AGAIN to Tuesday's "Deep Sea Fisher-people" who helped our school of fish with SRA & Center time in Language Arts, the "Sanitizing Sea Urchins" for our weekly classroom and yoga mat cleansing, and "Behind the Scene Voyagers" who are helping and contributing in countless ways off school property. Much appreciated! Thank you to everyone for turning in your TIPS homework via email and your progress reports via "diving packs!" You are doing a great job! The Sea Lions enjoy being rewarded from our deep sea treasure box because of you! Keep it up!



Homework:

Your child needs to make his/her spelling flash cards over the weekend. Please have them write each word largely and neatly on a separate index card (on the lined side). I will attach a "cheat sheet" which identifies how to mark the words. You are welcome to mark them over the weekend. We will review the spelling words and how to mark them on Monday.

The "Nautical HW Loxodograph" given every Monday (and due the following Monday), includes a recommended homework schedule (a guide to pace yourselves) to include additional spelling work choices, math homework/fact fluency, social studies, science, reading logs, life skills, environmental awareness, health, handwriting sheets, vocabulary, reference material worksheets, typing/emailing/computer work, special assignments and one reading summary (5 sentences/1 paragraph). The summary can now be written on any topic and inside the composition book in "paragraph form." ** Only Math (from the MY Math workbook) will be due Tuesday – Friday. This is approximately 10 problems a night.



Treasured Dates:

October 13th :

Board Meeting @ 4pm (You are welcome to attend and share your thoughts!)

October 15th :

P.I. Night: Helping your child with Math at Home

October 27th :

End of first quarter!

October 29th :

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 29th 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!)



Birthday "Shell"-ebrations:

This upcoming week we will "shell-ebrate" Melissa!

As a reminder during your Anglerfish's Birthday Week (Half- Birthday week for those whose birthday is in the summer), a plethora of opportunities will be available for your fish to take part of:

- Class Leader
- "All about Me" Poster and presentation
- Show and Tell
- Treat/ trinket hand-out (from you)

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- Organized ½ hour activity to share with the class (in lieu of a "party") - this organized activity will be yours (& and your Anglerfish's) to facilitate. It can be as simple as choosing a favorite book to read to the whole class to as intricate as a guided art/science project. Our 2nd Graders are eager and curious to learn about the world around them, how and why we celebrate our uniqueness (like our birthdays). I know all of you have something special to offer and we would love for you to partake in something you can offer like: your traditions/cultures/languages, a science experiment, cooking concoction, art extravaganza, poetry slam, music mosaic, life skill, social responsibility, movement, drama, etc., etc., etc.!



Tip of the Iceberg:

Hand washing is a do it yourself vaccine! The CDC recommends scrubbing your hands with soap for 20 seconds (the length of the Happy Birthday song). It should take about 30 seconds to scrub (up the wrists, between the fingers and under the nails) and rinse. Talk to your child about healthy hand washing habits at home to reinforce the skills he or she is learning!



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

- ✓ Birch Tree Chalk Art with Ms. Katje!
- ✓ Learning the Hebrew "Aleph Bet!" (Thanks Mr. Horwitz)
- ✓ Exploring the Essential Questions in ELA & Math!
- ✓ Using DILIGENCE (Word of the Week)
- ✓ Utilizing a new graphic organizer!
- ✓ Weeding around the garden & finding out what to do with "The Ugly Vegetables!"

"Deck Swabbin' Spelling List"

(Long l, e and u made by silent e – vc silent e)

use

mule

shine

thrive

confuse

spice

tissue

huge

these

gene