

Ms. Chelsee's Message in a Bottle

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

October 16th, 2015



Anchors Aweigh!

Last full week of the quarter is here! You did it without a floatation device!!! 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!!!

THANKS to all the Math enthusiasts who came out to show their support at last night's PIN! Lots of great tools, resources, and hands-on experiences were shared. Your continued efforts and attendance are appreciated as it benefits you and your little sea lion.

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 concocted Math Munchies with a "beet" and an ugly vegetable soup. 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 sea lion has voted to take Spelling Tests on Thursdays starting second quarter. With this change comes a slight tweak to our Nautical HW Loxodograph (homework log) and spelling cards. Since spelling tests will now be given 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 as well as 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 if you prefer.

As discussed at the PIN, Math Fact Fluency Quizzes will be given and graded at least once a week. 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 2nd grader can accurately answer 20 fact fluency (addition and subtraction) problems in 1 minute by the end of 2nd 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:

Make like a pirate and venture out to find BOX TOP treasures around your house!! Cut them out and add them up (10 cents each) to incorporate an interactive math moment! Don't forget to turn your Box Top treasures in to HLA as the school-wide contest ends on October 23. We are trying to beat 4,462 from last October. If we do, the entire school gets a healthy fruit pop treat and extra recess!



Birthday "Shell"-ebrations for BROC:

Opportunities available for your sea lion to take part of include: class leader, show and tell, treat/trinket hand-out (from you), organized 1/2 hour activity to share with the class (organized by you).



Treasured Dates:

October 20th :

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

October 27th :

End of first quarter!

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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!)

If you want to participate in the morning activities and ear CLASSROOM hours, you can sign up at the following link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4daeae28aafd0-pumpkin1>

November 2nd:

Picture retakes!

November 16th:

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 teachers involved so as to make your conference time more conducive!



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

*Soccer skills with Mr. Mike!

*Scholastic Book hand-out.

*Our first ELA test.

*Persevering (Word of the Week)

*Working on our transition time (to the tune of "The Final Count Down Song!")

*Weeding around the garden & cookin' up something beautiful with our "Ugly Vegetables!"

"Deck Swabbin' Spelling List"

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