

## Ms. Chelsee's Message in a Bottle

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

September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015



### Anchors Aweigh!

HOORAY!!! Our Language Arts Parent Involvement Night was a blast! The Second Grade Snack, "The Ink-Squids' Surprise Pudding," was a hit with the attendees. Thank you to our "Chow Chefs"!!! (You are deliciously amazing!) I can't comment enough about how clean the HLA kitchen was after! Thank you so much for taking pride in your work and being ATTENTIVE--Word of the Week!!!). I hope everyone learned (or tasted) something new. Thank you for participating in our interactive class! You get extra credit for your participation! Don't forget to put to use some of the strategies we covered aboard ship --from Typing.com to <http://www.justtake20.org/#home>. No matter what you do, just know it is extremely important that your "little tugboats" are reading out loud for at least 15 minutes on most days. You should then question your children about what he/she has been reading. \*\*\*Research consistently shows (and I see the evidence in the classroom) that children who read daily significantly outpace those who do not!!



### Treasured Dates:

#### September 30<sup>th</sup>:

**SRA Training:** Ever wonder why we take the "sailors" out of class to read one on one with a volunteer parent? Are you interested in being a part of that "strategy to success?" Come join us for an in depth SRA "know how!" Special guests, Peggy Ford and other CACs will be captivating the audience with the new and improved SRA module as well as answering questions for those who get "lost at sea." Training starts at 1pm.

#### September 29<sup>th</sup>

Progress Reports go home!

#### October 1<sup>st</sup>:

PICTURE DAY ☺



### Mighty Seas Math Homework:

Correction!!! We are set to have our first Math Test Thursday (9/24). Sorry about the mix-up - there were more lessons in this chapter than I remembered! Please review the Math Vocab Cards (which should be kept in your dolphin's zipper pouch in his/her Purple HW Folder) as vocabulary will be part of the math test.



### Tip of the Iceberg:

Try reading a book with your "starfish" in a new and or unusual setting (we did in class!!! Ask your kiddo about reading like seaweed.)



### "Hit the Deck" Homework Review:

Spelling (High Seas Spelling Sheet--- with clouds) :

It now states only 2 assignments need to be chosen from the sheet weekly as I added a pre-test on Thursday Evening to be given by Guardians/ After Care and written in the composition book.

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### Keyboard/Computer:

I have included a paper keyboard on the back of the High Seas Spelling Sheet. This should always stay in the folder and can be initialed on the Nautical HW Loxodograph once done. \*\*If your kiddo choses to print it out or send their computer/keyboard work via email--- that is "A-Ok" with me!

### Summaries:

For the next couple weeks, the summaries will be in the form of a graphic organizer called 4 Square. I included an example of what each "square" includes so each kiddo can get accustomed to the way their "first paragraph of their summaries" should look like.  
\*Paragraphs are always at least 5 sentences.



### Waving Flippers & Fins!!!

THANKS AGAIN to Tuesday's "Deep Sea Fisher-people" who helped our school of fish with SRA, the "Sanitizing Sea Urchins" for our weekly classroom and yoga mat cleansing, the Chow Chefs for tackling the "Ink-Squids" and creating quite a delicious vegan treat, the "barge workers" who took items home and/or helped with miscellaneous projects around the classroom, and the "Fun Friday Voyagers" who created a swimmingly divine art lesson. Much appreciated!



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

- \*Qigong instead of Yoga! Hooornraayyy!!!
- \*Spelling and SRA with Mrs. Egan & Ms. Katje
- \*Summary practice with 4 Square
- \*Discovering even and odd numbers - 2 odds make an even!
- \*Eating dirt! (soil discovery)
- \*Typing on the Smartboard
- \*Word of the Week: Attentive

### "Deck Swabbin' Spelling List"

(closed syllable, cvc, short vowel mixed review)

helpful

spend

blink

upon

letter

panel

basket

correct

inning

person