

Ms. Chelsee's Message in a Bottle

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

September 4th, 2015



Anchors Aweigh!

We had a swimmingly successful second week of 2nd Grade! Our "school of fish" impressed me with their knowledge and insight. . Super Job 2nd Graders!



Treasured Dates:

September 7th:

Labor Day: Don't forget we will be OUT OF SCHOOL on Monday September 7st in observance of Labor Day! Enjoy the long weekend with your families... but don't forget to find a creative way to celebrate Labor Day!

September 17th:

Reading-- Parent Involvement Night: Rev up your Reading, Spelling, and Phonics Skills at the Parent Night; Thursday September 17th at 6:00 p.m. Snacks and refreshments will be served at 5:45. **I will also be showing you the process of "marking our words" and discussing more in depth about our reading curriculum for this year. Hope to see you there! (See fluorescent green sheet (which went home last week) for more details!)

October 1st:

PICTURE DAY ☺



"Hit the Deck" Homework:

(Did ye holler from atop the crow's nest of your vessels because of this past week's homework assignments?!?)

Spelling cards are due Tuesday this upcoming week. (They will be in the shape of fish and can be caught by your sailor's homemade fishing pole!)

The "Nautical Homework Loxodograph" will also be distributed on Tuesday of next week and should always be located on the "Bring Back" side of the homework folder. The packet is always due the following Monday with one reading summary written in the kiddo's composition book (or on an attached paper).

Please help your "swimming turtles" keep up with this as it is part of their Reading grade.

Make sure to check your child's homework and initial the log (recommended daily homework) after your child has completed their homework. (---Even if it is done in the After Care Program.)



"Ship Shape" Home Folders:

It is extremely important to check and clean out your child's home folder each night. The papers on the "Keep at Home" side need to be taken out on a daily basis. The papers on the "Bring Back" side need to be completed and/or returned the next day (or in some cases, ASAP). I really appreciate your support in helping keep the "crew members" organized!!



"Mighty Seas" Math Homework:

Each night, the Math Homework will be a review of that day's concept. This is a follow-up of that day's lesson and your child should be able to complete this on their own or with minimal help. They will only be required to complete either the even numbers or the odd numbers (about 10 problems). Please check for neatness and reversed numbers. The homework page needs to be returned the next day.

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Fact Fluency is an "on your own at home, with or without someone else" activity. This may involve 5 minutes of playing a math game, using basic math flash cards, playing card games, verbally calling out math problems, counting out "chore money," telling time on a face clock vs. a digital clock, utilizing a timed math sheet, counting how many fish there really are in the sea... and the list goes on! Incorporating this for 5 minutes a night will only help keep their basic addition, subtraction, multiplication, clock work and money management up to par.



Sailing the Scholastic Seas:

Scholastic order forms are here! Anyone interested in organizing this program?! Scholastic has some excellent books available for children of specific grade levels at very affordable prices. You (and the Second Grade Class) can also earn extra rewards by shopping online at: www.scholastic.com/bookclubs. Please let Juliana or Cathy (our Super Duper CACs) know if you are interested in organizing this program.



Waving Flippers & Fins!!!

THANKS TO ALL PHENOMENAL CACS AND PARENT VOLUNTEERS who have helped with sanitation, donations, maintenance, décor, organization, copies, lamination, classroom management, reading, motivational speaking, library systems, shopping, sharpening of pencils, emails, supplies, moral support, patience, input, energy, coffee, etc., etc., etc. With our theme revealed, our classroom now has a comfortably stimulating and thought provoking "work in progress" vibe to it because of you and your interest in your child's educational environment!

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU! ...and the ship continues to sail!



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

- *Mrs. Egan leads Yoga!
- *Theme reveal (and the democratic process!)
- *DOL & Heading Practice
- *Beginning MY Math
- *class & school library
- *Word of the Week: Community

"Deck Swabbin' Spelling List"

(closed syllable, cvc, short i and e sound)

winter

little

simple

pencil

blister

spelling

tickle

dentist

expect

shelter