

Ms. Chelsee's Message in a Bottle

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

August 28th, 2015

Ahoy Mateys, our yacht has set sail!

We had an amazing first week of school! I am very impressed with how quickly our "school of fish" have picked up their new routines. Super Job 2nd Graders!

Homework:

(Does that say Homework!?!? Yikes, ye should holler from atop the crow's nest of your vessels as homework will be given this upcoming week!!)

Your child needs to make his/her spelling flash cards this weekend. Please have them write each word largely and neatly on a separate index card (on the lined side). This (spelling cards) will most always be the only weekend homework assignment. **Unless you choose to "demurrage" and do the entire "Nautical HW Loxodograph" (HW Packet) on the weekend.** Choice is yours!

Each "matey" will be tested on the spelling words each Friday. Please see "blue octopus sheet" in folder for tips on how to study spelling words. (Sorry for the quality of the blue sheet... It seems the "dodger" was faulty!)

There will be a "Nautical HW Loxodograph" given every Monday which MAY include: additional spelling work choices, math challenges/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).

This "Nautical HW Loxodograph" will also include a (recommended) nightly HW assignment sheet, however will not be due until the following Monday. ** Math (from the MY Math workbook) will be due Tuesday – Friday. This is approximately 10-15 problems a night.

To summarize:

Spelling cards should be labeled (not marked) in time to use in class on Mondays

Math worksheet from the MY MATH Workbook is due every Tue – Fri

HW Packet (to include a reading log and summary) will be distributed Mondays, due the following Monday for full credit.

"Windward" Heading Practice:

For any homework that is handwritten, please be sure your children have their first and last name, the date, and the title of homework. (upper left corner of the paper)

Example:

Castaway Smith

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ABC order

Neatness ("sheets to the wind"):

It is very important that each sailor practice writing neatly on their homework. Most of our crew has amazing handwriting! We will be working on this daily in class as well. I have told the sailors that if their homework is coming in sloppy (including math), they will be "marooned" and asked to take home extra handwriting pages until they are comfortable and successful in that voyage.

"Ship Shape" Home Folders:

Please remember to "chew the fat" and check your child's homework every night as well as check their purple homework folders daily for important information. By now, each purple folder pocket should be labeled, "Keep at Home" and "Bring Back." (A composition book/ notebook/ spiral notebook should ALWAYS be on the "Bring Back" side.)

Practice makes permanent, so just keep practicing! I know a ton of information has been "shipped" to you, however if we work together and keep "close quarters" it will become much more manageable.

Everyone has been doing a great job "keeping afloat" thus far! Way to go!

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"Chow & Bilge Water" (Snack & Water Bottles):

Don't forget to send a **healthy snack** from the "galley" and a **fresh water** bottle with your "high sea Idler" every day. ...And one mustn't forget the needed plastic utensils and a napkin too! Snack should be labeled separately from lunch.

"Hit the deck" with this tip of the week:

According to the national Sleep Foundation, children ages 5-12 need 10–11 hours of sleep each night. How much sleep does your child average?!? Make it a goal to get adequate rest. (Yes, even for the Ship Captains!)

Posh Port Holes (Activities of the Week):

Ask your children to tell you about: Our classroom theme, trying "human fish food," starting our time capsules, starting our Beginning of Year Assessments, learning about PE with Mr. Mike, their first Art Class with Ms. Katje, class economy "Pirate Booty" (money), Hello Around the World Song, deep breaths/ Zen Moments, Hydration Station Slurpies, decorating their desks and/or our school phrase of the week... new beginnings.

Spelling List

(closed syllable, cvc, short a and e sound, le and er endings)

master	settle	apple	batter	enter
letter	fester	paddle	rattle	meddle

Please EMAIL me back stating, "I have read this week's newsletter," and include your answers from the brief questionnaire below:

I check my email **daily** **weekly** **hardly ever**

I have been receiving emails from our CAC (Cathy), Ms. Chelsee &/or Mrs. Egan **YES** **NO**

I would like the following person to be included on Ms. Chelsee's email list:

Name of person & Email address: _____

I **would** **would not** prefer our class to celebrate birthdays.

*** (half birthdays for those with summer birthdays)*

Questions, comments, concerns, accolades?!? Let me know!!!