

## **Second Grade Newsletter**

**Friday, August 31, 2018**

Dear Families,

This week we have continued learning about landforms. We have also examined soil and soil properties. Thank you for sending in soil samples! We have used them several times this week. Next week we will learn about layers of soil, what is inside the Earth, composting, and worms. We have been and will continue learning about maps and tying this into our science learning.

In math we have finished up our place value learning. We also began learning about the concept of regrouping. We are practicing trading tens and ones and back again. We are laying the foundation to understand what is happening when we regroup with addition and subtraction so that when we begin using the algorithm it will be something that has meaning and makes sense. I don't want student memorizing the algorithm without understanding the concepts behind it. Next week we will begin using the algorithm, but it will take some time for us to gain confidence and proficiency with it.

In language arts we have continued to work hard. We had our first spelling show you knows today and students did well. If they missed a word they will be on their list next week. Other words they have missed on pretests or in their writing will be on next week's list too. I am bumping next week's list up to 10 words. At the end of the quarter I will be asking for some feedback on our individualized spelling.

-Ms. Kelli

### **Questions to Ask Your Child:**

- What kind of soil do you think your sample from home is?
- What is your evidence for this claim?
- What have you learned about soil so far?
- What is regrouping?
- How do you feel about individualized spelling?

### **Announcements:**

- No school on Labor Day which is Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Picture day is September 10<sup>th</sup>. Order forms went home earlier this week.