

Second Grade Newsletter

Friday, July 19, 2019

Dear Families,

This week we have continued learning about our classroom rules and procedures. We have worked on our hopes and dreams and have begun to establish our classroom rules together. Thank you for returning your parent hopes & dreams to help us with this process. We have also been learning about mindfulness, strengthening our brain muscles, and perseverance this week.

In math we have continued working with data. We have been giving surveys, tallying our results, and have created bar graphs with our data. We have also practiced using bar graphs to read information. Next week we will shift into reviewing some of our addition and subtraction strategies from first grade that allow us to be more fluent in math. Solving simple addition and subtraction equations quickly will allow us to be better at adding and subtracting large numbers which will be coming soon. We have not yet begun math workshop stations, but will begin scaffolding that in very soon. We are waiting on our technology to arrive before jumping fully into our math workshop stations and we're hoping that will be set up next week.

In language arts we have worked to establish our reading journals, reading book logs, and writing journals. We have begun working with editing marks in our morning work and will move this into our writing soon. We have opened our classroom library and have worked on taking care of our books. We also have begun reading stations. We will be building more into our stations very soon. We are also continuing to enjoy Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl.



Dr. Kelli

Questions to Ask Your Child:

- Tell me about the survey and bar graph you created.
- What did you learn about your classmates and teachers from your graph?
- What are editing marks?
- Where do you keep your editing marks "cheat sheet"?
- Can you strengthen your brain? Tell me about that.
- What is happening in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory?

Announcements:

- Thanks to those that have been able to attend director interview parent meetings. More interviews are scheduled in the next two weeks. We hope you can attend and give your input. More specific details are on our class website.
- Free and reduced lunch forms went home to all second graders a couple of days ago. If you need another copy please let me know. If you feel your family qualifies and you need to return a form you can put them in your child's folder or return them to the school office.
- University School apparel is on sale and can be ordered online. You can find the order information on our school website at www.usbucs.com. The deadline is August 18th.
- Thank you for the donations to our classroom! Our apple tree wish list will remain on the inside of our classroom door for a couple more weeks.
- Our monthly sharing schedule was sent via the Bloomz parent communication app. Please check the calendar and help your child remember their share day.