

Sunday, October 23rd, 2011

Dear 2nd Grade Families,

Here we are at the final week of October. I'm excited to meet with all of you this week for parent/teacher conferences to talk with you about your child's progress!

During this final week of October, we will be celebrating Halloween. Our celebration will begin on Friday the 28th at 2:30 with a parade of costumes in the gym. We'll then head back to our classroom for a craft project, a game, and of course, food! Please join us! Please sign-up on the sheet hanging outside of the classroom if you can provide treats for our party. Thank you to Tiffany Koehn for organizing our party! **Please note: students may NOT wear their costume to school. They will be allowed to put them on after lunch.**

This week is a Library check-out week, so please have your child return their book to get a new one.

If you've been in our classroom over the course of the last few weeks, you probably noticed we have a chain of paperclips hanging from our ceiling! We have been working diligently at adding paperclips to this chain, in an attempt to get them to reach the floor. Good behavior and hard work get paper clips added to the chain. I've told the children that once the paperclips reach the floor, we'll have a surprise! I anticipate we'll reach the floor this week, so our big surprise will come either Thursday or Friday.

Our Imagine It! story this week is titled "Tell Me, Tree." As always, be sure to re-read this story Wednesday evening.

In writing this week, we will be doing some Halloween creative writing. We'll also be working on singular and plural nouns. In the spirit of the season, we will write a poem about leaves. In Shurley English, we will take a test. No need to study at home.

In math this week, we will learn the subtracting 8 facts, understand geometric solids, select the appropriate tool for measuring length, identify metric units of length, measure and draw line segments, multiply by 1 and 100, and take an assessment.

As for Core Knowledge Sayings and Phrases, we will learn "Where there's a will, there's a way."

In history, we will begin writing informational paragraphs about the War of 1812. We will choose our topic this week, and then begin compiling our information in a T-Chart, which will keep our information organized. This will be a slow process, but I think the result will be worth it. I hope by the end of the week we will be beginning our rough drafts.

Have a wonderful week!

Warmly,
Stacy Thompson