

Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011

Dear 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Families,

Wow—here we are at the beginning of October! Hard to believe considering the warm days we have been having!

So, I was mistaken last week...bookmobile was not at CCA. They only come twice per month, not necessarily every other week. Therefore, they will be here this Thursday, so please be sure to have your child return their books for new ones. I think the kids will be returning Library books for new ones as well this week, so send those Thursday as well, just in case. Thanks!

Our Imagine It! story this week is titled "If You Find a Rock." This will be a fun story for the kids...and I can almost guarantee they will have an eye for rocks of all shapes and sizes at recess for quite some time after reading this! I am still very impressed with the children's work on the Imagine It! Lesson Assessments every Thursday. They really are comprehending the stories, understanding the vocabulary, and doing an amazing job at re-phrasing the questions on the back page when they write their answers!

Thank you for completing the re-read each night with your child, whether it is from the Imagine It! book or from their reading group book. It makes a huge difference in building their vocabulary, comprehension, and fluency.

We continue to have a spelling test each day in Riggs. The children seem to be doing really well with the shorter lists. The first Tuesday of each month, we take the Riggs Orthographic Test, so we will be doing that this Tuesday. I'll be sharing these results with you during Parent/Teacher Conferences, which will be coming up at the end of the month.

We are ahead of schedule in science, so we will take the time typically given to that to focus on Core Knowledge Fiction for a bit. We are continuing to read Peter Pan. This week, we will be playing a fun game to test our comprehension of the story. We will also be completing a fun craft project related to the book. A fun writing project will accompany this craft.

In math this week, we will subtract two-digit numbers, take an assessment, write number sentences to show equal groups, and multiply by 10.

Now that we've wrapped up our study of the Constitution, we will be moving on to a new area of study in history. We'll begin an exciting unit on the War of 1812. We'll be learning about the causes of the war this week, and we'll be doing some re-enactments of sailor impressments, as well as

some paintings of the USS Constitution, better known as *Old Ironsides*. Be sure to ask your child after Thursday if they can tell you why this ship got this nickname!

In Shurley English, we will build on what we've learned about adverbs, and we'll learn about adjectives. We will work on classifying sentences with Subject Nouns, Verbs, Adverbs, and Adjectives. We'll also be learning about the four different types of sentences.

Have a wonderful week!

Warmly,  
Stacy Thompson