Dear Families,

September 23–27, 2019

Saturday is the official first day of autumn – goodness the time is flying! We had a good time at the curriculum night on Thursday. Thank you for all your support! One question that came up was how can families help? By checking the planner and home folder daily you can assist your child develop good habits by cleaning out folders and adding in any assignments they still need to turn in. Also, please continue to read to and with your child. Modeling and enjoying reading with them is very important.

In math we will begin our process of pretesting each unit. The students know how the groups are based on what math content needs to be taught, and that they might get to know each of the four math teachers (Ms. Killeen, Ms. Krider, Ms. Lee & Mr. Budin) throughout the year. It will be different, and enjoyable to have one hour a day with other personalities beginning on Thursday. The start of Unit 2 focuses on addition strategies that are important to know as we get to larger numbers. For example, the +9 shortcut is so students can think of a number, add 10 because it’s simpler, and then subtract 1 in order to get the accurate answer. At home, providing opportunities to practice doubles facts, doubles +1 and +2, and turn-around facts in addition to the +9 shortcut would be great mental math practice. Mental math is fun to do in the car, at a sports event, at the dinner table, or even on a bike ride!

A website you might want to bookmark and keep on your list for reference is: http://everydaymath.uchicago.edu/parents/2nd-grade/em-at-home/ When you visit, you’ll find tips for parents, printable pdf versions of HomeLinks listed by unit and some general information about Everyday Math. It’s a good resource.

In reading, we have been enjoying hardcopy books as well as learning different e-book readers. The teachers are also hard at work completing reading assessments. This week we’ll be exploring non-fiction text features and reading to learn more about Seahorses. In Writer’s Workshop we will be working on collecting ideas of what we are good at, rereading and revising towards a final copy of an Expert Book. After our introduction to sentence types, we’ll be working with parts of speech, grammar, punctuation, sentence structure, and how using them properly can improve our written communication.

General Information:

- If you have not completed iUpdate at https://www.spps.org/onestop please do so ASAP
- School doors open 7:15
- Specialist classes: S, M, AI, PE, S
- 9/26 Fundraiser Eat at Portillo’s
- 9/27 Picture Day!
- 10/11 Fall Festival 5:30 – 8
- 10/17&18 No School
- 10/25 No School
- The weekly newsletter and spelling words can be found on the school website: https://www.spps.org/domain/237

Scholastic News Online. www.scholastic.com/sn2
Student Sign In button. Class password: sap1306

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