



Mrs. Bennett's Second Grade News

October 17th-21st 2011



It's Science Time!

Our class is soon beginning a scientific study of solids and liquids. We will be observing the properties of solids and liquids, comparing how they are alike and different, organizing the results of our inquiries, and communicating in both writing and orally the things we discover. Your child may ask you for help finding solids and liquids at home. You'll want to discuss and compare the different characteristics of those you find. (For example, how are salt and sugar the same? How are they different?) You may find yourself observing what happens when solids and liquids are put together. Making lemonade or salad dressing can provide interesting observations when solids and liquids are mixed. Watching an ice cube melt is a way to observe a solid change to a liquid. We're looking forward to lots of fun and lots of learning as we explore a world full of solids and liquids!



On the Horizon

- 5th Grade Rainforest Bake Sale
October 21st (1:55-2:05)
- Family Folk Dancing Night
October 26th (6:30-8:00)
- Halloween Party & Parade
Friday, October 28th
- Reading to End Racism
November 2nd
- 5th Grade Rainforest Bake Sale
November 4th (1:55-2:05)
- End of First Trimester
November 4th
- No School- Veteran's Day
November 11th
- Imagination Makers Assembly
November 18th



Personal Presentations...

Schuyler	11/4	11:50
Grace M.	11/18	11:50
Jeffrey	12/2	11:50
Ruby	12/9	11:50

Thank You



I would like extend a **BIG** thank you to our Halloween Party Committee for organizing our Halloween Party this year. Nicole Myers, Lindsey Slocum, Theresa Silver, and Ruth Johnson...you are our **HALLOQUEENS** and all your hard work is greatly appreciated! I look forward to celebrating with everyone on October 28th!

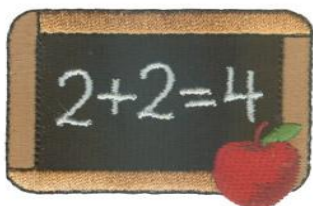


Check out what we are learning!

Reading	Good readers ask questions and learn new information while they read
Writing	Personal Narratives- learning about our Personal Narrative Rubric and how we will be scored on our writing
Math	Automaticity with Doubles Plus 1 Facts Place Value (ones/tens/hundreds)
Daily Language Instruction (DLI)	Forming Contractions
Spelling	The five short vowels are usually spelled with a single vowel, followed by one or more consonants. They occur in closed syllables.
Science	Science and Liquids

Doubles and Doubles plus One!

In math class, we have been emphasizing the importance of your children having automatic recall of "doubles facts" such as $6+6=12$ or $8+8=16$ without the need to count. With "doubles facts" memorized, your students are able to answer "doubles plus one" facts like $4+5=9$ with much more speed and accuracy. If your child knows that $4+4=8$, then adding one to the sum becomes simple! Please continue to help reinforce these concepts at home and watch their computation skills blossom!



Thank You!!

Thank you so much to those of you who took time out of your busy schedules to attend parent-teacher conferences this week and last. I am looking forward to meeting with more of you during the last day of conferences on October 20th. If you have any lingering questions, please do not hesitate to drop me an email.

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