



Mrs. Bennett's Second Grade News

September 19th-23rd 2011

Parent-Teacher Conferences



Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for the evenings of **October 12^h, 18th, and 20th**. In the next couple of weeks, you will be able to check the Douglass website www.douglasselementary.com for the conference sign-ups using our scheduling system, PTC Wizard.



If none of the available days/times will work for your family, please let me know and we can make other arrangements. Likewise, if you are unable to access sign-ups online, please let me know and I will email you with whatever times remain open.

As this is the first conference of the year, we will be focusing on goal-setting and looking over your child's most recent reading assessment. If you have not had a chance to fill out the "Goal-Setting Questionnaire" that was sent home in your child's Friday Folder, please take a moment to fill it out before conferences and return it to school. I would greatly appreciate it!



Personal Presentations...

Mia	9/23	11:50
Willie	9/30	11:50
Conor	10/7	11:50
Nik	10/28	11:50
Schuyler	11/4	11:50

PLEASE!! NOTE

Since your children will be working hard on their Boulder projects, they will not have additional homework on Thursday, September 29th or Thursday, October 6th. Those days are sent aside as project work days instead. Have fun!!



On the Horizon

- Picture Retakes
October 5th
- Boulder Projects Due
October 7th
- No School for Students
October 14th
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
October 12th, 18th, and 20th
- Halloween Party and Parade
Friday, October 28th



Check out what we are learning!

Reading	Making text-self and text-text connections while reading
Writing	Telling More- adding descriptive language
Math	Reading and interpreting graphs- pictographs, line plots, frequency tables, and how to determine the mode
Daily Language Instruction (DLI)	Capitalize the names of months and use a comma between the day and the year
Spelling	The five short vowels are usually spelled with a single vowel, followed by one or more consonants. They occur in closed syllables.
Social Studies	Learning about how communities change over time and Boulder history



Over the next 5 weeks, we will be participating in the Junior Achievement Program. The program partners elementary classrooms with a business volunteer from the Boulder community. We are eagerly waiting to find out who will be our volunteer this year! They will come into our classroom and teach the students about economics using interactive activities and hands-on lessons. The overarching essential questions we will cover include...

- ✓ How do citizens of our community participate in civic life (local government)?
- ✓ How do people in our community participate in the economy?

It is an outstanding program, and really makes learning about economics fun!

If you are interested in learning more about the program, please visit...

http://www.ja.org/programs/programs_elem_comnty.shtml