



Mrs. Bennett's Second Grade News

September 6th - 9th 2011

Walker Ranch Update!

Thank you to those of you who volunteered to chaperone our field trip to Walker Ranch on **September 22nd**. If your name appears below, please keep a look out for the reminder notice in this week's Friday Folder detailing important information and times for our trip. If you are not able to be a chaperone on this trip, please know that you will have preference on all upcoming field trips. Thank you!

Chaperones: Lezlie Zurn

Ruth Johnson
Lindsey Slocum
Nicole Myers
Louise Fowler

★ Please help remind your child to layer their clothing and to bring a sack lunch and a drink on September 22nd.



Personal Presentations...

Aaron	9/16	11:50
Mia	9/23	11:50
Willie	9/30	11:50
Conor	10/7	11:50
Nik	10/28	11:50

September Activities!



Please check in your child's Friday Folder this week for an informational flyer. It details some really interesting activities you can do at home during the month of September.

Ways to Study Spelling Words...

Now that your child has their own individualized list of spelling words to practice, here are some ideas to help make learning spelling more fun!

1. If you have a glass shower door, try taping the spelling words to the outside. Then, have your child use bathtub crayons to copy the words onto the shower wall. You can accomplish two tasks at once!
2. There is a wonderful website that allows you to create personalized word searches and crossword puzzles. You can create a word search using your child's spelling words! Check it out!

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On the Horizon

- **Book Orders Due!**
September 16th
- **Volunteering Begins**
Week of September 19th
- **Walker Ranch Field Trip**
September 22nd
- **Vision/Hearing Screening**
September 23rd



Check out what we are learning!

Reading	Identifying non-fiction text features in our guided reading book groups
Writing	Telling More- visualizing and tell ideas orally before writing, reread writing and tell more, approximate spelling and use the word wall
Math	Reading and interpreting graphs- pictographs, line plots, frequency tables, and how to determine the mode
Daily Language Instruction (DLI)	Nouns (people, places, and things) and Proper Nouns (I and names)
Spelling	The sounds /ch/, /sh/, /th/, and /wh/ are all represented by two-letter combinations called digraphs. The consonant teams work as a team to spell each sound.
Social Studies	Learning about communities and starting our unit on Boulder History

What Are Hand Fidgets?

In an on-going effort to improve my instructional techniques in the classroom, I have read a book titled Strategies for Teaching Boys & Girls. The book addresses gender differences in learning and recommended the use of "hand fidgets" in the classroom. These include items such as stress balls, gel-filled toys, bean bags, and rubber tubing. Hand fidgets are found to be especially helpful to boys who find it difficult to keep still while doing seatwork. Girls, who tend to have a heightened sensory intake, enjoy the textures of the various fidgets. If you visit our classroom, you may see these hand fidgets being utilized while the children work independently at their seats.



Reminder about
Snack

I just wanted to give you quick reminder about Snack Time. We have snack everyday at 9:15. There have been a few students who have been coming to school without a snack. Believe it or not, they are not always thrilled about my extra stash of raisins or apples that I share with them. If you could please help your child to remember to bring a snack each day it would be greatly appreciated!

Thank you!