

# Second Grade News!

September 10, 2009

## Week at a glance

This week our students continue to practice classroom routine. We are still testing students for placement in reading, spelling, and math.

We have been reading *The Mixed Up Chameleon*, and working on topic sentences.

The character trait we are studying this month is responsibility. This will be tied in with behavior expectations. I hope that you have been checking your child's behavior folder each night to see all the positives we have had this week.

## Homework Folder

Spelling is sent home on Mondays. Homework will be consistent and will include; spelling, reading 20 minutes per night, and practicing math facts (you may want to purchase or make addition and subtraction flashcards). Please help your child study each night, review the work they bring home, and check their behavior calendar. This will help establish good study habits, and you will be aware if your child is having difficulties with class work or behavior.

We will begin challenge words the 2<sup>nd</sup> week for those who miss one or none on the pre-test, this will give us time to establish routine for students.

Students will have 2 folders that come home. First, is the daily folder that has our daily practice work along with the weekly spelling list. Spelling activity ideas:

- \*Word sort by spelling pattern for the week.
- \*Go on line to [www.spellingcity.com](http://www.spellingcity.com), go to students, find your list, enter: Mrs. Bray
- \* ABC order
- \*Practice tests
- \*Have your students read, and then write their words.

Second, is the blue Discovery folder (Thursday folder), which will have school newsletters, PTA information, book orders, picture forms, and other school correspondences. All assessment papers will come home in the Thursday folders. These folders have a place for you to sign and date on the inside to let us know that you have received our correspondence.

## Reminders

### Birthdays

We will celebrate birthdays on the last full Friday of the month. (I am squeezing in August summer birthdays.)

Please let me know if you want to bring in a healthy snack. \*No peanut products please.

August and September birthdays 9/25

**PTA Fundraiser** 9/14 Entertainment books and order forms due back.

**PTA popcorn** 25 cents **and school spirit day** 9/18

**Scholastic Book Order** 9/18 orders forms and checks due

**Parent Night** 9/24 Start 5:10

Session #1 5:20 - 5:50 Session #2  
6:00 - 6:30

**IRI** 9/25 or 9/28

Make sure your child has a good breakfast. ☺

**Field Trip** 9/30 Ag Expo \$2.50 (Parent permission form in Thursday folder.)

### Box tops

Our class can earn money for supplies by bringing in box tops, and Campbell soup labels. Please send in any box tops and labels.

### Schedule

Monday – Health & PE\*

Tuesday – Music & Library

Wednesday – PE\*

Thursday – Computer

Friday – Music

\*don't forget to wear tennis shoes