



Kindergarten Newsletter September 30, 2024

Picture Day: Picture day is this Wednesday, October 2nd. Please refer to the flyer sent home last week or the Parent Square message for more information about ordering pictures online. All students will have their picture taken regardless of whether they are purchasing photo packages.

Costume Swap: We encourage you to visit our costume swap on campus outside of the office. Here you can bring your gently used costumes and select some new ones. This is open until October 31st.

"B.E.E." Bring Everything Everyday Reminder: As a reminder, please make sure to send your child to school with the following items each day: Spill proof water bottle, two healthy snacks, and their emptied "Take Home Folder".

Don't forget to label your child's lunch box and water bottle.

Phonemic Awareness: Beginning this week, I've included phonemic awareness activities for homework. If you'd like further practice with these skills, you can find an endless amount of fun and engaging phonemic awareness activities online to support growth in this area. Thank you in advance for your help in reinforcing what we are learning in class throughout the school year at home.

Halloween Day: We will have an exciting day celebrating Halloween on October 31st. Children will be able to visit a pumpkin patch at Madrona and pick out the perfect pumpkin to take home. We will have lots of fun "Trunk or Treating" in the parking lot and finish the day with a classroom party. Be on the lookout for a food sign up request coming soon to Parent Square.

Costumes: Children can wear their costumes to school on Thursday, October 31st. When choosing a costume for school, please keep in mind that students will be picking out pumpkins and playing at recess where costumes may get dirty. Students should also be able to independently manage their costume when using the restroom. Costumes and footwear should also be school appropriate without masks or gore. Also, please do not send weapon accessories that may go along with your child's costume to school. Thank you.



Dates to Remember :

10/2 Picture Day
10/31 Costume day, Trunk or Treat and Pumpkin Patch

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Our 1st Grade Classroom News

The Week of September 30th - October 3rd

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Upcoming Events

- 10/2 - Picture Day
- 10/3 - Good News Club begins
- 10/14 - Awards Assembly @ 12:45 (K-2)
- 10/28-10/31 Spirit week
- 10/31 - End of Quarter 1
- 10/31 - Pumpkin Patch/Trunk or Treat

Our Learning

- Reading:** What is in your neighborhood? (Lucia's Neighborhood)
- Spelling:** Short e
- Math:** Numbers and facts to 10
- Writing:** School + Alphabet practice
- Science/Social Studies:** Neighborhoods

Spelling Words

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Lesson 4 *challenge words

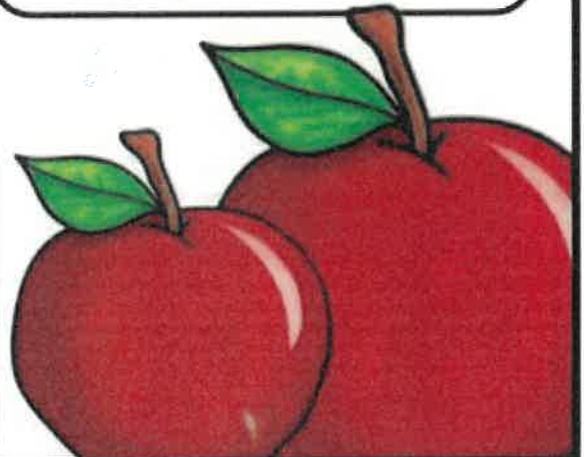
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Lesson 4

Reminders

- School Pictures on Monday 10/2. Have your child dress their best!
- Awards Assembly 10/14 Monday from 12:45-1:15 for K-2. Parents ARE invited to attend :) Parents will be informed if if their child is receiving an award.



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Mrs. Edwards' 2nd Grade Hornet News

We've Been Learning . . .

In Language Arts, besides reading practice and writing super sentences, we do Language Arts warm-ups three days a week, and are being introduced to common and proper nouns, synonyms, antonyms, and contractions.

Place value continues to take center stage in our Math learning, and we have "bundled" popsicle sticks into groups of 10 and groups of 100 to illustrate how our number system works.

****This week our spelling focus is words that end with double consonants ff, ll, ss, and zz. The ones that we know will be on our test are pass and will. Our high frequency words will be why and when.****
PRACTICE THESE AT HOME!

For Science, we have been drawing illustrations of different landforms, and look forward to beginning our models of landforms and bodies of water next week. Thank you, so much, parents and grandparents, for your generous support toward this project!

Homework this week . . .

- *2 Math pages (cut and paste). ***READING 15 MINUTES A NIGHT***
- *2 Writing pages (Turn 2 starter sentences into "super sentences".)

Important News & Reminders . . .

PICTURE DAY - is this Wednesday, October 2. All orders will be online orders.

Halloween is coming up, and Madrona is hosting a **Costume Swap**. If you have a costume to donate or if you need a costume, please come by.

Our annual **Trunk-or-Treat** will be on October 31., and this year students will vote for their favorite trunk. If you would like to decorate your trunk and be part of this, sign up at the office. Cost to participate is \$4.

Trunk-or-Treat and other school events are organized by our **Madrona Parent Teacher Student Group (PTSG)**. Our **PTSG needs parent volunteers** to help organize and run events and fundraisers for our school. Meetings are the last Wednesday of each month.

Always Remember . . .

"If you cannot do great things, do small things in a great way."

—Napoleon Hill





Mrs. Simpson's 3rd Grade Newsletter

September 30-October 3, 2024

We continue to explore the concept of multiplication. Students should understand multiplication is actually a faster way to add equal groups.

For example $2+2+2+2=8$, 4 groups of 2=8, and $4 \times 2=8$ all represent the same concept.

We will practice multiplication a lot at school, but it will not be enough. Please help your child memorize their multiplication facts by practicing at home with flashcards, writing on paper/whiteboards or orally in the car. So far, we've been working on memorizing our 2's facts. Coming next are multiplying by 5's and 10's.

Please reach out if you have any questions. A ParentSquare message is probably best. However, a handwritten note, phone call or email will work too.

Some of this week's skills:

Reading/Writing: Read and spell long vowel words. Compare and contrast stories and/or characters. Use details from a story to infer characters' intentions. Use evidence from a story to predict what will happen next.

Math: Represent multiplication as repeated addition $4+4+4=12$ and equal groups (arrays). Use multiplication vocabulary: Factor and Product.

Science: Introduce the differences between weather and climate. Identify the components of the water cycle and how it relates to weather. Identify how to be safe in extreme weather.

Thursday Sharing (Bring something non living to share with the class. It has to fit in a backpack): Bryson

Character Trait: Growth Mindset (I don't know....yet)

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Calendar of Events

Breakfast @
7:00-7:15
Class begins @ 7:20
Dismissal @ 2:25

10/2 Picture Day

10/3 Good News begins

10/14 Pride Assembly - If your child is getting an award an invitation will be sent through ParentSquare

10/31 Trunk or Treat

Reminders

Library- Please return or renew all library books every **Wednesday.**

PE - Every day
Please wear or bring appropriate shoes.

MONDAY	Math/ELA Homework:	<u>Reading Log</u> BOOK TITLE: _____ Minutes Read: _____ Parent's signature: _____
TUESDAY	Math/ELA Homework:	<u>Reading Log</u> BOOK TITLE: _____ Minutes Read: _____ Parent's signature: _____
WEDNESDAY	Math/ELA Homework:	<u>Reading Log</u> BOOK TITLE: _____ Minutes Read: _____ Parent's signature: _____

GENERAL REMINDERS: Thank you for reminding your child to bring a water bottle and a nutritious snack to school, as our mornings are very long before lunch.

HOMEWORK POLICY: Students are asked to read 20 minutes every night, record their time, and have a parent sign for full credit. The homework log is turned in every Thursday. Students will have a spelling test every other Thursday (Next Spelling Test: Thursday, October 10th). They may study their spelling/vocabulary words any way they choose, in addition to completing the attached practice pages.

CURRENT FOCUS: In ELA students are asking the essential question "How are books and libraries important to people and communities?" in our current text *My Librarian is a Camel*. Our Target Skill/Strategies include: Cause & Effect, Interpreting Visuals, and Visualizing the story. In math, students are exploring strategies for rounding multi-digit whole numbers to the millions.



Madrona 5th Grade Class Newsletter October, 2024

Subjects at a Glance

Hello families! Here is what we are learning about!

Reading: CCSS RL.5.1 Realistic Fiction, and Persuasive Text

Math: 5.NBT.A.1 PLACE VALUE RELATIONSHIPS

5.NBT.A.3 Read, Write, Compare, and Round Decimals

SCIENCE: 5-PS3-1 Matter and Energy in Plants

Social Studies: U.S. History, Civics, New Review

Reading

5.RL.1 Quote accurately from a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.

5.RL5.3 Compare and contrast characters, settings, or events, drawing on details.

Math

Students will learn to round decimals to the thousandths.

Recognizing place value to read, write, and compare decimals to the thousandths.

Important Dates

Wednesday, October 2nd
Picture Day

Monday, October 14th PBIS
Assembly 1:15 to 1:45

Thursday, October 31st
Madrona Pumpkin Patch

Thursday, October 31st
Trunk or Treat

Thursday, October 31st End
of First Quarter

Science

5-LS1-1 Support an argument that the plants get the materials they need for growth chiefly from the air and water.

Social Studies

Big Debate: Should kids learn music in school?

Scholastic News: "Into the Fire"

Scholastic News: "Pumpkin Racer"