



Burns' Bulletin



Language Arts

This week the students read the story, "Helping Out." We found that many of these responsibilities are ones that second graders are doing around the house or at school. The spelling pattern for this week was -ear.

During reader's workshop, the students learned about schema and how our background knowledge helps us think about our reading. Each child illustrated their schema.

Math

This week our class completed the Unit 2. We learned about function machines, counting strategies for subtraction and shortcuts for harder subtraction. The last easy mad minute and the Unit 2 test were on Friday. The new flash cards for the next round of mad minute quizzes will come home on Monday.

Science

The students finished Chapter 2 this week. We had a people search to review the concepts before our test.

Social Studies

Our class continued learning about the United States this week. We are creating a United States reference book with all the things we are learning.

Speller's Choice

Thank you for your parent surveys from last week. We had a lot of positive feedback. Some ideas to think about: Your child can do the same activity multiple times. Pick the activities that help your child learn the words in the best way possible. New ideas from 2B families are listed below. Give these a try if you're ready for a new activity!

Computer Words: Type your words on the computer (2 points)

Website Words: Practice your words using one of the websites on our class site. Good sites are:

<http://www.edhelper.com/spellingcity.com>

(2 points)

Sidewalk Chalk Words: Write your words with sidewalk chalk. (1 point)

Email words: Email your typed words to Ms. Burns! (2 points)

Announcements

Pattern Words: Come up with 7 more words with the same pattern (1 point)

Parent Quiz Words: Students give their parents a quiz and then students grade their parent's paper (2 points)

Magnet Words: Students spell their words with letter magnets (2 points)

Word Search Words: Students make their own word search using spelling words and grid paper and then find each word. (3 points)

Second round of mystery reader sign-up is now underway! If you have another family member or special person who would like to be a mystery reader, please let me know and we can add them to our list of upcoming readers!

I look forward to meeting with all of you at parent-teacher conferences on October 23rd. If you have not done so already, please return the green conference slip to school to confirm that you will be attending or to request an alternate day or time.

Please feel free to e-mail me with any questions you may have. My e-mail is...

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Be sure to check our website often at:

<http://www.unit5.org/burnsa/>

Coming Next Week:

- ☺ Reading and writing about Halloween books
- ☺ Spelling: Review words
- ☺ Math lessons on numeration and place value, using coins to buy things and telling time
- ☺ Mad Minute: Harder addition fact flash cards come home on Monday. **Test on 10/30**
- ☺ Science: Ch 3 Plants and Animals
- ☺ Social Studies: Unit 4-People Long Ago
- ☺ **Tuesday night homework will be a story from our Social Studies book, not the usual red reading book.**
- ☺ Picture retakes on 10/21

Parent Survey:

Please complete the survey, cut it out, and send it back to school on Monday. Thank you for your input!

Name: _____

Do you and your family access our classroom website? What do you find valuable about this site and do you have any suggestions to make it more valuable to you and/or your second grader?
