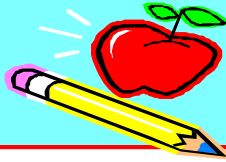




2ND GRADE STARS



Pleasant Hill
Elementary School

March 8, 2010

Mrs. Goken and Mrs. LaFido's Classroom Newsletter

Homeroom Happenings

Our President's Performance is quickly approaching. We look forward to showing off all of our hard work this Wednesday night. Children are not to come to the classrooms before **6:15**. Showtime is at 6:30!!! See you then ☺.

Reminder that 2nd Grade PACE Testing is:
Tuesday, March 16th (reading)
Tuesday, March 23rd (math)

Have you been reading *The Thing About Georgie* at home? If so, send in a picture of you and your family reading this book to hang in our hallway for Georgie Day! Pictures must be turned in before March 19th!

Fast Math is a new computer program adopted by Pleasant Hill which helps the kids practice their math facts. The children began this program last week and will continue to review their facts two times per week throughout the rest of this school year.

Please take the time to have a look at your child's president's Power Point on Wednesday evening. They will be located outside our hallway.

The children have been assessed on their "FastMath" skills and will be practicing these math facts on the computer 2-3 times a week.

Next year's school supply order forms were sent home on Friday last week. If you plan to order supplies through the school please make sure you received this packet.

Explore More Day packets were sent home on Friday last week. Please make sure to fill this form out with your child and return it no later than March 19th. To better ensure your child gets the classes he/she wants the earlier the return the better!

Important Dates:

2nd Grade President's Performance:
March 17th @6:30

Explore More Day Forms Due: March 19th

Georgie Day: March 19th (wear your t-shirts)

Spring Break: March 27th-April 4th

Report Cards: April 9th

$\frac{1}{2}$ Day of School: April 23rd

Math

The children were assessed on their clock and calendar skills on Friday. We will continue to work on these concepts during calendar time. This week, the children will learn how to construct and interpret picture graphs.

Reading

Miss Bellanca has been working with 2nd grade students to introduce non-fiction conventions. This week our class will have the privilege of working with her to learn this important part of non-fiction reading. Today we learned about picture labels in non-fiction text.

Social Studies

This week we will be completing our economics unit and introducing a mini-unit on landforms which will run up to spring break. Upon returning from break, we will begin our next science as we learn about space!

Writing

The children did a wonderful job presenting their Power Point presentations to their third grade buddies. We will revisit friendly letters by ending the president's writing unit by writing a "friendly letter" to President Obama. We will continue reviewing "friendly letters" by writing a letter to a special person. There will be a note sent home giving you more information about this fun project.

Spelling Words

Week 21

Based on the pretest, your child will need to practice the circled list for this week. The test on these words will be on Friday.

List 1	List 2	List 3
who	who	whatever
why	why	whenever
what	what	whichever
when	when	whether
where	where	whipped
wheel	whose	whisker
whole	whom	whistle
whale	whole	whimper
while	which	whisper
white	wheat	wholesome
	whip	whirlwind
	whopper	somewhat
	whisk	meanwhile
	whirl	elsewhere
	White House	overwhelmed