

Second Grade Newsletter

Week of May 15

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide you with some insight as to what is happening in our busy second grade classroom. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free contact me by phone, email, or note.

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****Homework:** This week is the final week of homework for second grade! There is NO math homework, but instead I am asking that you read the Scholastic News and complete the back. In conjunction with the main topic, recycling, I would like your second grader to develop a clever use for a plastic recyclable container. The possibilities are endless! We will share these creations on Friday, May 26.

* Our last field trip is to Green Meadows Farm on May 30th. Chaperones will be needed. It is an all day event. If you have indicated that you would like to come, YOUR Wish has been granted! **Please send in \$9 if you have committed to be a chaperone.** Our field budget only covers our students. We forgot to include this on the permission slip sent home last week. Please accept our apologies for this inconvenience. There is NO limit as to how many chaperones we can bring!

*Our last AR party will be held on Friday, May 26. Part of our party will be walking to Phoenix Chocolate Shoppe for ice cream. We will leave around 2:45. We could use some extra hands, so please feel free to join us! Please send in \$3 to \$5 labeled in an envelope with your child's name on it by Thursday, May 25.

*This was the last week for library books. This means that all books should be turned in and that your second grader did not pick one at on Thursday. If your library book "ran" away from you, we will notify you with a note in the take home folder.

*If your second grader has a summer birthday and would like to celebrate it during the school year, simply pick a date that works best for you and let me know. Treats are always welcomed in our classroom! We have 21 students and NO allergies!

Reading

If you checked out any library books from our Racine library for our biography unit, they can be returned. I have encouraged your second grader to put them in their backpacks; however, I wanted you to be aware in case they haven't made it home. We enjoyed reading a Chinese version of Cinderella, *Yeh-Shen*. There were many similarities and differences between these two stories. We then prepared ourselves for our ant unit by learning about viewpoints. Then we focused on the purpose of ant tunnels and eventually made our own ant tunnel replicas!

Math

We completed our geometry and fraction unit and began our last and final unit which is on collecting data. We learned about tally marks and pictographs. From now until the end of the year, we will have a new skill to review. This week we practiced adding and subtracting money.

Social Studies

This week we focused on several key vocabulary words. (needs, wants, goods, services, and consumer and producer) We also learned that we need to make wise choices when it comes to spending money!

Religion

God shows His love for us when, despite hardships, the Word of the Lord spreads so that more people are saved through Christ! In Acts 12:1-18, 24, we learned that nothing can stop the spread of the Gospel in the story of how Peter was rescued from being in prison. God sent an angel to free Peter and allowed him to continue spreading the Gospel. Whatever the circumstance, God is always active in our lives.

We also learned about Paul and Silas's adventures in Philippi in Acts 16:16-40. They were telling the people of Philippi about what the Jesus had promised. The people became angry, beat them, and jailed them. Despite being in jail, they joyfully shared the Gospel that God wants all people to be saved by trusting in the Lord Jesus. Even in times of hardship, we should pray for our pastors and other church workers who proclaim and teach the Gospel message.