



# 2M's News

May 30, 2008

## Important Dates

June 2-Spelling Bee

June 3-Beach Day

June 4-Last Day of School, 9:15-11:15 am

June 4-Report Cards come home



## Reading

The children did a fine job presenting their book projects to the class. We had some beautifully illustrated book covers. It was a great way to hear about 17 books that second graders enjoy reading. The book talks gave lots of good ideas for summer reading!

Our current read aloud book is The Trumpet of the Swan by E. B. White. It is one of my favorites and the children are learning a lot about swans. The story also has wonderful lessons about life. We are hoping to finish reading it before the end of the school year!

The children tried to catch up on Time for Kids this week. They did a lot of independent self-selected reading. We also read some of our favorite poems and had a dress rehearsal for their afternoon presentations.



## Word Wall and Spelling

We didn't have a spelling lesson this week. I did give the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> focus words assessment and this is coming home. We tried our hand at having a spelling bee last week to practice our spelling words for the test. The kids really got into it and followed the spelling

bee procedures to a "t"! Monday, we will try another spelling bee using our focus words and word wall words that we have had this year. It is a great way to review words and it gives the students another opportunity to think on their feet and be in front of their peers. It will not be for a grade! It is just for fun!



## Writing

The authors in our class worked diligently to write final drafts and make covers for many of their stories. These were on display this afternoon for our fair. The children also wrote in their journals and Squiggle books.

The children have been working steadily to finish the cursive capital letters.



## Math

We continued measurement this week. We explored weight, capacity and temperature. We learned about cups, pints, quarts, gallons, liters and milliliters. Then we discovered how to measure weight with ounces, pounds, kilograms and grams. Lastly, we learned about measurement of temperature using degrees Fahrenheit and degrees Celsius. Using different types of measurement at home would be a good way to strengthen these skills. Cooking is a great way to use measurement skills and it is also a fun, rainy day activity.

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## Science

Our last three moth cocoons are still very quiet and no more moths have emerged. We will keep them through the last day of school and hope for the best. If nothing happens we will put them out in the school yard.



## Computer Lab/LLC Time

We did not have library or computer lab this week due to their inventory. Thank you for getting your child's library books back to school. I know Mrs. Monaghan really appreciated it. I think all of the library books have been turned in! Yeah!



## Information

### Poetry and Writing Fair

Thank you so much for the great response to bring a treat to our afternoon fair. Everything was delicious and it made the afternoon more festive for the children.

Thank you for coming out to our Poetry and Writing Fair!! I thought the children did a wonderful job with their poetry presentations. It is so much fun to see the creative things they do to enhance the poems. I am so proud of their writing accomplishments! I hope you had a chance to see your child's and some of the other children's writing. All of their writing will come home next week for you to treasure for years to come.

Exploremore Day was terrific as usual! I saw many of our parents involved with many different activities. Our own Mrs. Jenz helped children make ice cream all day long in our classroom! Whew! The kids were dancing up a storm as they shook their bags of ice cream mixture. All of the children had an awesome time with all of the varied activities!

Monday of this week we had a "Sport Day" and five of our parents took the time to talk about their favorite sports. I'd like to thank Mrs. Slowinski (Marathon Running), Mrs. Clark (Fitness Training), Mrs. Tagye (baseball, softball and golf), Mrs. Stoneburner (hockey and Lacrosse) and Mr. Jenz (skiing)! The children and I had a terrific afternoon learning about these interesting sports. We also had fun wearing our favorite sport gear!

BEACH DAY is just around the corner. Next Tuesday, June 3 all three second grades are planning to have a fun day with a "Beach" theme. An informational letter came home early this week. We will have a hot dog lunch, so your child does not need to bring a lunch unless he/she does not like hot dogs.

Also, I need some help with some of the food items. So far, I have two moms bringing brownies and one mom bringing chips. I will provide the hot dogs and the buns. I am attaching the

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note I sent home that explains the food items for our lunch. If you can help, please fill out the sheet indicating items you can send or bring. Please return it to school by Monday. Thank you for your help and support with this last activity for our second graders! Please email me with any questions.

## End of Year

*Please send a strong shopping type bag to school with your child on Monday.* They will need to bring home lots of things from school. Once again there will be a school supply collection of used items. These will be sent to Duchity, Haiti. Please check the newsletter for further information.

## SUMMER HOMEWORK

The best thing for your child to do this summer is to read, read, read!! I hope he/she will always have a good book handy to read on trips, rainy days and before bed each night. Remember to take part in the Wheaton Public Library's summer reading program and our own Emerson summer reading program. All of your child's reading can count for both programs.

Also, review the addition and subtraction facts this summer! If your child does not know them well, make it a point to memorize them. It will help tremendously with their 3<sup>rd</sup> grade math and help them to be ready for the multiplication facts.

## Annual NEW Fun Run

Mark your calendar for the fall Fun Run! It is being held at Hubble Middle School on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00.

Report cards will come home on Wednesday morning. Please sit down with your child and go over their accomplishments. The card is for you to keep. Remember, Wednesday attendance is from 9:15-11:15. It is not a full morning!

It is very hard to realize that this school year is coming to an end! It has been a privilege and a joy to have your child in my class this year. The children have all taught me wonderful things and have enriched my life tremendously. I hope to keep in touch with your child as they go to the "big" intermediate hallway and continue at Emerson. I'll enjoy having them eat lunch with me from time to time and share what they are doing as third graders.

Thank you for all of your help and support this year!!

Have a terrific summer!

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