

2B NEWS 10/7/11



WHAT'S THE BUZZ?

Dear Parents,

Another week has come and gone and we are ready for a nice long weekend. Remember, **Monday, October 10**, we celebrate Columbus Day. There will be **NO SCHOOL!** We will be learning about Columbus next week. Also, we have come to the end of a unit in our Language Arts series. Next week, we will take our first Unit Test in Language Arts. This test will assess all the skills that we have studied. It addresses phonics, vocabulary, comprehension, silent reading, study skills and writing. It usually is a good indicator of each child's understanding of the skills taught. The beginning of Second Grade is a review of First Grade skills so, everyone should do well.

Now that a month of school has passed, the work will get more difficult. This week we as a class had a discussion on the expectations of a Second Grader. I have noticed that quite a few children are completing careless and untidy work. Many of them have no spaces between words, form their letters incorrectly, have different sized letters, are not applying a capital at the beginning of sentences, using punctuation on their own, and spelling very simple words incorrectly. All of these skills were learned in Kindergarten and First Grade. We discussed that the reason they are in Second Grade is because their teacher's knew they could complete these skills on their own. The expectations are a bit higher for Second Grade. Many of the children are experiencing difficulty with reading directions when they are unsure of what to do. I always go over directions, have the children repeat the directions and write them on the board. I am trying to guide them into being independent workers and problem solvers. If you could do the same at home that would be most helpful. If your child doesn't have chores at home now would be a good time to start. Teach them that they have a job and responsibilities.

I would like to extend a big **"Thank you"** to all of you who already sent in a donation for **2B's Silent Auction "Healthy Living" Basket**. I know Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Ulmer, and Mrs. Boomer appreciate your support. All donations should be in by **October 12**.


Have a fabulous weekend! Enjoy the sunshine!

Peace to you,

Amy Erb



NEXT WEEK WE WILL LEARN

<p><u>RELIGION</u> Chapter 5 Jesus Is the Son Of God Test on Friday</p>	<p><u>PHONICS & SPELLING</u> Review Long Vowel Sounds Words for <u>A New Museum</u></p>	<p><u>COMPREHENSION</u> Make Predictions Context Clues</p>
<p><u>GRAMMAR</u> Predicates</p>	<p><u>WRITING</u> Organizing Ideas 4 Square Writing</p>	<p><u>MATH</u> Chapter 4 Data & Graphing</p>
<p><u>SOCIAL STUDIES</u> Community: Consumer Products/Wants vs. Needs Christopher Columbus</p>	<p><u>PRAYERS</u> Morning Offering</p>	<p>Please be sure your child has pencils, plenty of rest and outdoor play time!!</p> 
<p><u>LANGUAGE ARTS UNIT</u> <u>TEST</u> <u>THURSDAY</u></p>	<p><u>NO SPELLING TEST</u> <u>THIS WEEK BECAUSE</u> <u>OF THE UNIT TEST</u></p>	