



SECOND GRADE WEEKLY PLANS
MAY 16, 2016

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Dear Parents,

We got through ERB week with flying colors! The test booklets are being sent off to the Bureau. Though I always look through the tests to get an idea of class-wide performance, we usually get official results back in June; you will be able to request information regarding your child's performance at that time.

This week we will resume our regular language arts schedule, with a spelling test on Thursday and a new story in the Open Court readers. This week's selection is entitled "The Butterfly Seeds" and tells the story of an immigrant family and a special gift from the grandfather staying behind in the homeland. In writing workshop, I will be guiding the second graders through the steps in a "writing assessment." They will receive a prompt, be part of a discussion on the topic, do a pre-writing step, and a rough draft. Then I will show them a rubric describing the important components. They will have a chance to revise their drafts before completing the final copy. Next week, I will show them my responses to their composition based on the rubric. In second grade, this exercise is meant to be more instructive than evaluative. We will be dedicating about 30 minutes each day to this this process. In handwriting, we have finished learning all the letters, both lower and uppercase. I suspect you will soon be hearing, "I got my cursive license!"

Our science unit on plant life cycle included a lesson on seed dispersal last week. Today we made a twirling maple seed that we launched from the 5th grade fire escape. Make sure you ask your child to share more information while tonight's homework is in progress. This week we will talk about the edible parts of plants. Chicks are due to begin hatching tomorrow which is always an exciting event. Meanwhile, we are in good shape to finish the entirety of the math program. Teachers from the Lyme School made a second visit to our classroom last week to watch another math lesson. Your children really impressed them! During these last 20 or so days, I need to step up the pace to finish all of the history/geography lessons on time but I'm confident that we'll make it. Of course, there are always special projects added to the agenda as we near the end of the school year. Please encourage your children to stay committed to their responsibilities right up to the last day of school.

- Tuesday, May 17: Chick Due Date
- Thursday, May 19th, State Fair presentations due. Drop off in Library.
- ***Friday, May 20th State Fair: Parents should visit from 2:45 to 3:15.**
- Tuesday, May 31: May Reading Log Due
- ***Friday, June 10 - Final Assembly 8:15 am with K-5 performances**
- Monday, June 13 - Please send in canvas bag in addition to backpack so that your child can bring home belongings. Move-up Ceremony Rehearsal 8:15-9:00, Field Day – dress in team colors
- ***June 14 -Move-Up Ceremony, K-7th grades, BCC, 8:30 am**
Dismissal to follow

Yours Truly,
Marj

***Parents are encouraged to attend.**