



SECOND GRADE WEEKLY PLANS
MAY 31, 2016

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the long weekend. These final days will fly past. Be sure to look at the schedule below so that you do not miss any events. The two that have been added are 1. Mr. Glee has invited second grade parents to a very short violin recital this Friday at 8:15 in the Klee Multipurpose room. Stop by if you can. Also, be sure to respond to the email about the class party at the Kebalka's. I have not yet heard which day it will be but I am betting on Sunday, the 12th of June.

Language Arts/History: Today we read The Story of the Statue of Liberty. It gives the historic account of how the French sculptor, Frederic Bartholdi designed, built, dismantled, and shipped his gift to the United States. There is some homework on this using a related article. We are also memorizing the poem by Emma Lazarus that is inscribed on the pedestal. Over these last 10 days of school, the kids will be exposed to more immigration stories to support our new history unit; I will be reading three picture books by Eve Bunting entitled, A Picnic in October, Dreaming of America: An Ellis Island Story, and How Many Days to America, as well as, When Jessie Came Across the Sea by Amy Hest. There are also some good nonfiction selections that I include: ...If Your Name Was Changed at Ellis Island by Ellen Levine and Coming to America by Betsy Maestro. Today I told the story of my grandmother, Anna Schaeffer, who came over from Germany in steerage class as a 15 year old in 1905. She was traveling alone to a new country with no one to greet her. As one second grader said, "That was a good story!"

Science: We have finished our last two units. We received some photos of our chicks in their new home from Gwen Martin; they look happy! We are still feeding our growing praying mantises. Your child will bring one or a few home at the end of next week along with directions on how to care for them. If caring for a potentially large insect is not your idea of a relaxing summer, feel free to release it into your garden. Any possible, but unlikely, egg case will not survive a New England winter so there is no worry about introducing an invasive species. This has been a successful way to watch incomplete metamorphosis. As fourth graders they will study complete metamorphosis when they adopt monarch caterpillars.



Math: We will be finished up our last chapter this week and then working on the end-of-year assessment. This class has impressed me with their strength in mathematics and are well-prepared for future challenges.

Important dates to remember:

- Thursday, June 2: Spelling test on Lesson 29.
- ***New Event: Friday, June 3: Short Violin Recital and Lower School Sing-a-long 8:15 in Klee Multipurpose Room.**
- ***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
- ***New Event: Class Party at the Kebalka's home. Date to be decided. Please sign up in email from Wayne Chin.**
- ***June 14 -Move-Up Ceremony, K-7th grades, BCC, 8:30 am**

Dismissal to follow

Yours Truly,
Marj

***Parents are encouraged to attend.**