

Early Dismissal
Every Thursday at
1:25

Second Grade News

READ, READ, READ! Children are competing for SRC points. In order for your child to gain points for required reading, he or she **MUST** read a book no more than 50 points below his/her lexile.

Week of 12/5/11

- If your child received an “NP” on an assessment, this means they **DID NOT** pass the assessment. They received a 69% or lower. Please review it with your child, sign it and return it the following day.
- **Thank you for making sure your child completes his/her homework each night!**
- Thank you for completing baggie books every Monday and Wednesday night! ☺
- Vocabulary words should be studied every night!
- Join our Winter Fest Dec 3rd, 9:00am - 12:00 pm

A Peek at Our Week

Math: We are still working with 10s and ones in the Coordinating Units Sequence. Students should be practicing comparing numbers ($17 < 23$) and ordering numbers (least to greatest, greatest to least). Students should also be practicing continuing and identifying patterns. For example 12 would come next in the pattern 3, 6, 9, _____. The pattern rule is +3. Please visit our Merrillville Favorites page on our school webpage. There are many games available in our “lab favorites” section that will help reinforce classroom skills.

Reading: We are beginning a new theme called “Thinking Like a Scientist”. Students will learn how machines work through read alouds and other activities. Our comprehension strategy is synthesizing. Synthesizing is when students combine ideas from what is read and their own knowledge. Then students are able to create new ideas or opinions. You can look at synthesizing as a culmination of all comprehension strategies, but a higher thought process is required. We are working on common vowel teams in phonics (oo and ea).

Writing: Students will continue to revise their writing. After revising, they will be ready to edit! Editing includes checking for capitals and punctuation.

Spelling: A list can be found on the newsletter. Please practice words each night. **Tests will be every THURSDAY.**

High Frequency Words:

sometimes paper let wasn't
left

Spelling Words

1. brook
2. wood
3. stood
4. cookie
5. tooth
6. food
7. loose
8. broom
9. thread
10. bread
11. head
12. sweater
13. winter
14. would
15. machine

Vocabulary Words

essential – an important thing to have. Food, water, and sleep are essential to people.

wheel – a round object that turns to help something move. A car has 4 wheels.

machine – A machine is something that helps us do work more easily. A wagon is a machine and so is a car.

TIP OF THE WEEK

Have your child provide three ideas from a story he or she has read. Ask them how these ideas fit together to form a new idea. This will promote our comprehension strategy for the theme.