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Miss Humphrey's Second Grade Gazette

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are ready to begin our second half of the school year! Here's a look at what we've been doing along with a couple of reminders.

Language Arts

In language arts we are now on Unit 4 in our language arts program, Reading Street. Our phonics skills with focus on words ending with -le, vowel patterns ou and u, diphthongs ou, ow, oi, oy, syllable patterns, and diphthongs oo, ue, ew, and ui. The comprehension skills we will focus on are drawing conclusions, sequencing, facts and opinions, and plot and theme. In grammar we will be focusing on adjectives and adverbs. Encourage your child to read at home at least 15 to 20 minutes a night. If you would like information on how to access any of our online language arts programs, please let me know and I will get you those instructions.

Math

This month in math we are finishing up our unit focusing on addition and subtraction of numbers to 1,000. We will begin our unit on comparisons and addition and subtraction with length and money. If you would like information on how to access any of our online math programs, please let me know and I will get you those instructions.

Science/Social Studies/Health

In social studies this month we are finishing up map skills. We have really enjoyed learning how to read different maps, learning about landforms, and learning about different countries and continents. Our science unit on Life Cycles will begin this month and continue into February. I have been looking forward to this unit and hatching chicks since I heard I was moving to second grade! We are going to have a lot of fun with this unit!

Binders

Please take the corrected papers/mail out of your child's binder each night. This keeps the binder from getting too full and makes it easier for your child to locate his/her agenda and homework paper each day. On Fridays, please make sure to empty the Friday Folder and have your child return it to school on Monday.

Volunteers

If anyone is interested in volunteering, please let me know. I will send home to district volunteer packet with instructions on how to become a district volunteer.



Winter Weather Is Here

Unless it is raining, snowing, or extremely windy, your child will be going outside for recess every day. Therefore, please make sure to send them to school with a warm coat, gloves, hats, scarves, etc.

Chorus Concert

Your children have started to prepare for their choral concert in May! Please save the date Monday, May 9th at 7:00 pm to come watch your child perform.

Donations

Our classroom is in need of the following donations if you are able:

- soft tissues
- Clorox or Lysol wipes
- Peanut free candy
- Small prizes or used books for our prize door

All donations are greatly appreciated! ☺

Important Dates in January

January 14th- Spelling Bee 7:00pm

January 15th- Early Dismissal 12:30

January 18th- No School

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at New Holland Elementary by phone (717-354-1520 ext. 4112) or by e-mail (megan_humphrey@elanco.org). Thanks for your support!

Sincerely,

Miss Megan Humphrey