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Miss Humphrey's Second Grade Gazette

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

It's hard to believe that we've finished our first quarter of school. Here's a look at what we'll be doing along with a couple of reminders.

Reading

This month in reading we are finishing up Unit 2 and moving on to Unit 3. In Unit 3 we will be reviewing vowel patterns e, ee, ea, y and o, oa, ow. We will also be working with compound words. Last month we learned all about nouns and this month we will be focusing on verbs. Our comprehension focus will be on author's purpose, drawing conclusions, and comparing and contrasting.

Writing

In writing this month we will be writing animal fantasy stories, friendly letters, and narrative poems. We will continue to work on starting our sentences with uppercase letters and ending with the appropriate punctuation.

Math

Our math unit this month is fluency of sums and differences to 20 and word problems to 100. It's time to break out those fact cards at home and encourage your child to practice their addition and subtraction facts. XtraMath and Moby Max's Fact Master are both excellent computer programs for practicing fact fluency. If your child would

like to access these programs at home, please let me know and I can get you information on how to.

Science/Social Studies/Health

This month we are learning about economics. We will be focusing on wants and needs, goods and services, and saving and spending. Talk with your child at home about the importance of saving money and its benefits. You can have your child identify something they want and have them do chores for a small allowance. Then they can save their money up to buy the thing they want. Ask them to identify if the chores they are doing are considered goods or services and if the item they are saving for is a want or a need.

Binders

Please check your child's binder each night. Remove any keep at home papers and sign and return any return to school papers. Check their assignment notebook for any notes and to make sure they are completing the correct homework.

Conferences

Conferences are being held on November 12th and 13th. There will be no school for students these days. I have sent home a paper with your conference date and time. If you have any questions about your conference time, please let me know and we can work something out. Solar System projects are displayed in the showcase by the gym. I will be giving these projects to you to take home after your conference.

Pokemon Cards and Toys

We have been having issues with Pokemon cards and other toys in second grade. I have told the students they are no longer allowed to bring them to school. Please make sure your child is not bringing any toys to school.

Donations

Our class is in need of the following donations:

- Soft tissues
- Candy for prizes
- Small dollar store toys for prizes
- Book donations for prizes
- Sandwich and snack size baggies

All donations are greatly appreciated!

Important Dates in November

November 3rd-November 12th- Book Fair

November 12th- No school due to Conferences from 1:00-8:00

November 13th- No school due to Conferences 8:00-3:00

November 25th-30th - No school for students/Thanksgiving Break

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