



Starling 2nd Grade Newsletter

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Notes from the Teacher...

Dear Parents,

It's been a busy week! We are continuing to learn our classroom routines and getting to know each other.

Next Thursday is K-2 Curriculum Night. We will be sharing our routines and expectations of 2nd graders as well as other valuable information. PTA starts at 6:30. We know the kids will be excited to have you visit our classroom!

We hope you have a wonderful weekend!

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What We're Learning Next



Reading: Next week we will continue to build reading stamina, as well as learning how to write a reading response. We will also review how to read with a partner. AKS: Ask and answer such questions as who, what, where, when, why, and how to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text (CCGPS) (2LA_A2012-1/ELACC2RL1)

Writing: Every author needs great ideas to write about. We will be working on coming up with lists of ideas that the students can write about. We call these seed ideas. AKS: Write narratives in which they recount a well-elaborated event or short sequence of events, include details to describe actions, thoughts, and feelings, use temporal words to signal event order, and provide a sense of closure (CCGPS) (2LA_D2012 24/ELACC2W3)

Math: We are continuing to set up our Math Workshop in our classroom. This includes setting routines, learning center rotations and learning to use our Math Journals. We will also begin our Graphing Unit. AKS: Create a picture graph and a bar graph (with single-unit scale) to represent a data set with up to four categories (CCGPS) (2MA_C2012-27/MCC2.MD.10)

Science: We are learning about animal's life cycles. Please review these vocabulary words at home: **reproduce, offspring, adult, chrysalis, cocoon, pupa, life cycle, and larva.** Look for a study guide coming home at the end of next week. Our assessment will be on **Tuesday, August 27th**. AKS: investigate the life cycles of different organisms to understand the diversity of life (GPS) (2SC_D2007-13)

Announcements:

Please be sure to check and sign your child's agenda nightly, as well as, check and sign their conduct grade on Friday in their agenda.

From now on, I will be emailing the newsletter on Fridays.



Art Supplies Needed for Specials

Mrs. Witmer is in need of clean, empty, glass baby food jars with lids.

Important Dates Curriculum Night: August 22nd

6:30-6:45 2nd Grade Parents meet in Media Center for PTA meeting

6:45-7:15 - Session 1 (Parents meet with teachers in homeroom)

7:20-7:50 - Session 2 (Parents meet with teachers in homeroom)

