

# Ms. Athon's Second Grade News

October 17, 2014



## Ms. Athon's Class Rocks!

Thank you for supporting Duncan Creek's PTA Fundraiser. I am so proud of our classroom's efforts. All monies raised will go to support Duncan Creek Elementary. Keep it up. The deadline is October 24<sup>th</sup>. We want lots of parties at the FUN RUN soiree. Thanks again for supporting DCES!



## ITBS Testing

Duncan Creek students in grades 2, 3, & 5 will be taking the Iowa Test of Basic Skills the week of **October 20-24, 2014**. This is a standardized test to be administered each morning and will reflect your child's academic knowledge in certain academic areas. Prompt, well rested, & well-nourished students are essential for testing success. Please mark the dates on your calendar and plan accordingly. I am confident our second grades are going to do a fabulous job!



Ms. Athon

## Language Arts

Your child will be focusing on reading and writing words containing regular plurals as well as irregular plurals. Many rules will be discussed (i.e. words ending in y, words ending in x, s, z, ch, & sh, and words ending in f). Antonyms, synonyms, and homophones will also be reviewed. Students will utilize a graphic organizer to compare and contrast parts of a nonfiction story. Informational writing will be a new area of focus in writing. Students need to be able to introduce a topic, use facts and definitions to develop points, and provide a concluding statement within an informational and/or explanatory text.

## Math

*Data and Graphing* will be our area of focus in math. Children will tally and graph information as well as sort items in a variety of ways. More than, fewer than, less than, greater than, equal than, and the same are all vocabulary words used to describe information provided on a chart, graph, or table. Students must be able to compare and contrast items and identify types of graphs (i.e. picture, tally mark, bar, etc.). Line graphs will also be utilized as well as created.

## Social Studies/Science

Our *Life Science* unit will come to a close. In social studies, regions of Georgia, historical figures (Mary Musgrove, Tomochichi, & James Oglethorpe), and Native Americans indigenous to Georgia (the Creek and Cherokee) will be discussed.



## Upcoming Events

Oct. 30	Picture Make-Up Day
Oct. 20	Bus Driver Appreciation Day
Oct. 20-24	ITBS Testing (Grades 2, 3, & 5)
Oct. 21	Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night
Oct. 29	RFL Skate Night @ 6:30pm
Oct. 31	Storybook Character Dress-up Day
	Fun Run Celebration
	Halloween
	RFL Coins for Cancer



## Great Days of Service

Duncan Creek is joining in to help the Gwinnett Children's Shelter and the Gwinnett Battered Women's Shelter for Gwinnett's Great Days of Service. Our Donations Drive will begin the week of **Monday, 10/20/14**. Please dig deep in your heart and help by donating something from the following lists. Thanks!

**K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grades:** tissues, toilet paper, paper towels, & toothbrushes

**3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grades:** toothpaste, combs, shampoo, bar soap, & toddler diapers



## Original Artworks

Your child is bringing home an Original Artworks order form today. Please read over this information carefully. If you decide to make an order, send back the artwork, order form, and money **NO LATER than Monday, October 27, 2014**. Thanks for your support with this endeavor!



## October 31, 2014

Don't forget... **Friday, October 31st** is right around the corner. Your child will be permitted to dress-up as their favorite *storybook character* on this "oh-so" exciting day. However, a book report is required. Information has been sent home. I can't wait to see all the wonderful and creative costumes!

## Specials

### Specials for Week 10/20-10/24

Mon.	PE	Thurs.	STEM
Tues.	Art	Fri.	Music
Wed.	Music		

*\*\*Specials will be @ 1:30pm this week due to testing\*\**



Our new "Incredible Cardinal" is...

*Austin S.*