

# Ms. Athon's Second Grade News

October 3, 2014

## 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. 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

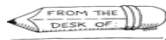
**3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grades:** toothpaste, combs, shampoo, bar soap, & toddler diapers



## Don't forget...

**Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>** is right around the corner. Your child will be permitted to dress-up as their favorite storybook character on this "oh-so" exciting day! Be thinking about this in weeks to come. I can't wait to see all the wonderful and creative costumes!

*\*\*A note will be coming home soon with guidelines, etc. Please be looking for this important information and read carefully...Thanks!*



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## Language Arts

Your child has been focusing on sentence components (nouns, verbs, adjectives, etc.). Words in a sentence must go in a certain order and must begin with a capital letter and end with a certain punctuation mark. Root words, suffixes, antonyms, synonyms, and homophones will be future skills discussed. Dictionary skills are yet another focal point. Students are learning to utilize guide words in order to locate the word in the book.

## Math

Fact families will be reviewed. We want children to notice the patterns in numbers. Subtraction and addition work together! If  $3+4=7$  and  $4+3=7$ , then  $7-3=4$  and  $7-4=3$ . We have been discussing the math terms of equivalent and nonequivalent and will continue our representations of numbers in a variety of ways (i.e. 53 can be represented as  $50+3$ ,  $56-3$ , 5 tens and 3 ones, etc.). Basic properties of addition (commutative & associative) will be utilized to simplify problems.

## Social Studies/Science

Life Cycles will continue to be our science unit. Students will study the parts of plants and research the life cycles of various animals. Christopher Columbus's journey to America will also be discussed in honor of Columbus Day. Thanks again for all you do to support at-home learning!



## Upcoming Events

Oct. 3-16	Fun Run Pledge Collections
Oct. 6	Firehouse Subs Spirit Night
Oct. 8	End of First Nine Weeks
Oct. 13	Student Holiday Teacher Work Day
Oct. 16	DCES Fun Run
Oct. 17	Report Cards
Oct. 20	Bus Driver Appreciation Day
Oct. 21-25	ITBS Testing (Grades 2, 3, & 5)
Oct. 21	Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night
Oct. 29	Skate Night @ 6:30pm
Oct. 31	Storybook Character Dress-up Day Halloween

## REMINDER

Monday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> will be a student holiday & a teacher work day. Enjoy!



## DCES Fun Run Fundraiser

Duncan Creek's PTA will be sponsoring their annual DCES Fun Run in the coming weeks. This is a very vital fundraiser for the 2014-2015 school year. Detailed information is included in today's Weekly Folder. Let's all make an effort to get as many pledges as possible to help raise funds for our school. PTA would love as much participation as possible. The monies raised will be put to good use, so pitch in your support for a wonderful cause. Thanks for all that you do!

## Fun Run



Second grade's Fun Run event will be on **Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup> @ 12:15pm**. We would love for our parents to come out and cheer us on, so mark the date and join us for a terrific and exciting affair.

## Specials

### Specials for Week 10/6-10/10

Mon.	<b>STEM</b>	Thurs.	<b>Music</b>
Tues.	<b>PE</b>	Fri.	<b>STEM</b>
Wed.	<b>Art</b>		

*\*\*Please note...the rotation schedule has changed & students will see a different STEM teacher the 2<sup>nd</sup> 9 weeks!*



Our newest "Incredible Cardinal" is...

**Nolan Matos**