

Ms. Athon's Second Grade News

August 29, 2014



Say Cheese...

Class pictures will be on **Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2014**. Your child's order form is included in today's Weekly Folder. If you are interested in purchasing pictures for your child, please fill out the form and return it with payment by **Wednesday, Sept. 3rd**. Mark your calendars and look your best on **9/3/14**. We want beautiful second grade pictures for our memory books!

Homework



Our homework routine is getting into full swing. A homework sheet will be coming home each Friday with the following week's homework assignments. Please be sure to work on some each night and return to school the following Friday. This routine will continue through March of the 2014-2015 school year. New routines will be established in April. Thanks for all you do!



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Language Arts

Your child will be working on the ou & ow sounds during Word Work. Complete and incomplete sentences (phrases) will also be discussed. These will be ongoing skills throughout the school year. We are practicing correct letter formation in handwriting. Capital letters and correct punctuation as well as writing on topic have also been areas of focus during writing time. Our Writer's and Reader's Workshop are really taking form in our classroom. I am positive we will have fabulous readers and writers at year's end!

Math

Place value has been introduced during Math Workshop. Students are learning to represent, count, read, & write numbers to 1000 as well as compare two and three digit numbers. Skip counting by 5's, 10's, and 100's up to 1000 will also be an area of focus. Second graders will use a variety of models, diagrams, and base ten numerals in order to best express numbers to 1000. Odd and Even numbers as well as equivalent and nonequivalent sets will also be addressed.

Social Studies/Science

Your child has been learning the importance of a map and its parts. We have discussed map keys, cardinal directions, and the compass rose. Ask your child about the phrase "**Never Eat Soggy Waffles.**" I know you will be impressed!



Upcoming Events

Sept. 1	Labor Day
	Student/Teacher Holiday
Sept. 3	School Pictures (K-5)
Sept. 4	Night Under the Stars @ 5:30pm
Sept. 12	Breakfast with Dad @ 7:45am
	Last Names: A-J
Sept. 9	Zaxby's Spirit Night
Sept. 11	Boy Scout Parent Meeting @ 7pm
Sept. 19	Breakfast with Dad @ 7:45am
	Last Names: K-Z
Sept. 15-17	CogAT Testing (Grades 1, 2, 3, & 5)
Sept. 23	Buffalo's Spirit Night
Sept. 24-25	Early Release Days
	Parent/Teacher Conferences

DCES PTA News

Membership

Duncan Creek's PTA Membership Drive is now in progress. Please consider joining this wonderful organization. This not only benefits you and your child at DCES, but also gives you added benefits from local businesses, etc. Thank you for your support!

Night Under the Stars

Duncan Creek's PTA has a very exciting evening planned for us on **Thursday, Sept. 4th @ 6:00pm**. More detailed information is in today's Weekly Folder. Mark your calendars and make plans to attend the festivities. Fun!



Early Check Out



Our class has recess from **11:35am-12:05pm** and attends Specials from **2:15-3:00pm** each school day. FOCUS groups meet with Mrs. McDowell from 9:00-9:45am. If you have an early "check-out" planned for your child, please let us know *that* morning. We will ensure that your child is packed and ready to go. This will alleviate any unnecessary travel and stress. Thanks so much!

Specials

Specials for Week 9/2-9/5

Mon.	No School	Thurs.	Music
Tues.	PE	Fri.	STEM
Wed.	Art		



Our new "Incredible Cardinal" is...

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