

Ms. Athon's Second Grade News

September 19, 2014



CogAT Testing

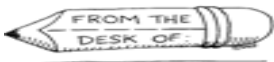
...Whew...Hallelujah...Whoo Hoo....

Our little darlings have successfully completed their first standardized test in second grade. I am extremely proud of everyone's efforts. They did a terrific job. Many thanks for the fabulous home support. We couldn't have made it without you!

Conferences



Conferences are scheduled for **Wednesday, September 24th** and **Thursday, September 25th**. Instructions for scheduling have been sent home (white paper). Please read over this important information carefully and schedule, per computer, ASAP. Times will fill up quickly. Should your conference need to be rescheduled, I will do my best to accommodate your needs. Thanks in advance and I look forward to meeting with you soon!



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Language Arts

Your child will be introduced to the four types of sentences (declarative, interrogative, exclamatory, & imperative) as well as parts of speech (i.e. nouns, verbs, and adjectives). Parts of a book, parts of a dictionary, & a thesaurus will also be discussed. Students must know how to utilize a title page, table of contents, index, glossary, guide words, and appendix to locate information quickly and accurately in books, periodicals, and reference works. ABC order has been reviewed and we will be challenging our brains to go to the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th letter, etc. Antonyms, synonyms, root words, and suffixes will be reviewed in the coming weeks. Contractions and compound words will also be discussed.

Math

Your child has been working on recognizing, copying, predicting, and extending growing and repeating patterns (i.e. counting by 2's, 3's, 4's, 5's, 10's, etc.). Students will also represent numbers using a variety of models, diagrams, and number sentences with 4-digit numbers (i.e. $4703=4000 + 700 + 3$ OR 47 hundreds + 3, etc.). The number 1000 will be used as a unit to explain relative magnitude of numbers. Please continue all the wonderful home support.

Social Studies/Science

We have wrapped up our study of maps & globes. Living things and life cycles has been introduced in science. Students will focus on the life cycles of various plants and animals. We will also discuss the life of John Chapman (aka Johnny Appleseed) and track his journey across the northern United States. Johnny Appleseed Day is September 26th. Tall tales and legends will be compared and contrasted. Oh, what fun!



Upcoming Events

Sept. 23	First Day of Autumn Buffalo's Spirit Night
Sept. 24-25	Early Release Days (@ 12:45pm) Parent/Teacher Conferences
Sept. 26	RFL Coins for Cancer Collection Johnny Appleseed's Birthday
Oct. 2	PTA Fun Run Pep Rally
Oct. 3-16	Fun Run Pledges Collection
Oct. 6	Firehouse Subs Spirit Night
Oct. 13	Teacher Work Day No School for Students
Oct. 16	DCES Fun Run
Oct. 20-24	ITBS Testing



Box Tops

It's time to start collecting those Box Tops again! Duncan Creek participates in the Box Top for Education Program. This is an easy way for our school to earn money and support our educational needs. It is quite simple. Just clip Box Tops from participating products (over 240), place in a bag, and send to school with your child. Your child's teacher will handle the rest. Each Box Top coupon is worth 10 cents. Any and all contributions are welcome and will be put to good use. Thank you in advance for supporting this terrific program!

PLEASE NOTE: PLEASE be aware of expiration dates listed on the individual box tops. These can expire and will lose \$\$ for our school if we miss the date. Thanks so much!



DCES Fun Run

Duncan Creek's PTA will be sponsoring the DCES Fun Run in the coming weeks. Information will be sent home soon. 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. It promises to be so fun!



Specials

Specials for Week 9/22-9/26

Mon.	Music	Thurs.	No Special **
Tues.	STEM	Fri.	Art
Wed.	PE		**Due to Early Release



Our new "Incredible Cardinal" is...

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