

# Ms. Athon's Second Grade News

September 5, 2014

## Parent/Teacher Conferences

Conferences are scheduled for **Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>** and **Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**. Conference scheduling information is included in your child's Weekly Folder. Please read over the information carefully and schedule by computer ASAP. We, as teachers, work very hard to coordinate times among grade levels. Please let us know immediately if there are any conflicts or concerns. We will do our best to accommodate your needs. I look forward to meeting with you soon!



## CogAT Testing

Second graders will be taking the CogAT on **Mon. 9/15, Tues. 9/16, and Wed. 9/17**. This is a test of a student's cognitive abilities and measures scholastic aptitude. Therefore, there is nothing to do to prepare for the test. Of course we stress the importance of doing their best, but there is **NO** need for worry and concern. I know they will all do a fabulous job!



*Ms. Athon*

## Language Arts

Your child will be working on the four different types of sentences: declarative, interrogative, exclamatory, & imperative. We will also discuss an author's purpose in writing (i.e. to entertain, persuade, or inform) and the various parts of a book. Students need to know where to locate the title, author, illustrator, publisher, and the publication date of various works. Reader's Workshop is moving right along. Be sure to ask your child about responding to their reading. I know you will be impressed!

## Math

Place value continues to be our math focus. 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.

## Social Studies/Science

We have wrapped up our study of maps and their parts. Regions of Georgia as well as landforms located throughout Georgia will be our next area of focus in Social Studies. Life Cycles will be our first Science unit. Students will study the parts of plants and research the life cycles of various animals. We will be visiting the Science Lab over the next few weeks to do our first BIG experiment. Yippee!



## Upcoming Events

Sept. 9	Zaxby's Spirit Night
Sept. 11	Boy Scout Parent Meeting @ 7pm
Sept. 12	Breakfast with Dad @ 7:45am (A-J)
Sept. 15-17	CogAT Testing (Grades 1, 2, 3, & 5)
Sept. 19	Breakfast with Dad @ 7:45am (K-Z)
Sept. 23	First Day of Autumn Buffalo's Spirit Night
Sept. 24-25	Early Release Days (@ 12:45pm) Parent/Teacher Conferences
Sept. 26	Johnny Appleseed's Birthday
Oct. 2	PTA Fun Run Pep Rally
Oct. 3-16	Fun Run Pledges Collection
Oct. 16	DCES Fun Run



## Homework

As you know, our homework routine is in full swing. Please look for this pertinent information in your child's Weekly Folder and our class web page each Friday. In order to best complete this task, I am asking that you please do the following:

- Be sure your child completes all pages carefully
- Check over your child's homework and assist in any necessary changes
- Only return when all of the assignments are complete
- Return to school the following **FRIDAY**

Thank you for your help with this matter and for all that you do to support your child in second grade!

## Accelerated Reader

Ms. Athon's students love this program and it truly shows. Our class earned 2<sup>nd</sup> place for the most points in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. AR tests are available on most of our media center books and are strongly encouraged. Our goal is 30 plus points for 100% of Ms. Athon's second graders this year. Let's encourage our students to earn those AR points and enhance their reading skills, too. Thanks!

## Specials

### Specials for Week 9/8-9/12

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



Our "Incredible Cardinal" is...

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