



**Washington
Elementary School**

Friday, August 23rd

Classroom News

Miscellaneous Tidbits

We have enjoyed an amazing first full week of 2nd grade! Congratulate your student for working hard to learn new routines, procedures, and making good choices that show our Washington Way in and out of the classroom.

Rock Star Binders are coming home each day. We use a weekly planner page to show "I can" and "I plan to" statements. "I can" statements represent a target we've worked on that day in class so your student can share something they've accomplished each day. We will begin writing "I plan to" statements next week. These help students manage their homework time each night of the week.

We will begin our homework routine next Friday. I will send home more information about homework next week. Homework packets will always come home with your student on Fridays. They are due by the next Friday.

Spelling lists and sight word flash cards came home with your student today. More information also came home with your student explaining our spelling procedures.

Sight word cards should be practiced at home. We will test on these words (reading, not spelling) at the end of each 9 weeks. Students should strive to know these words by sight. Even though spelling is not tested, students should work to spell these words correctly to help build their writing vocabulary!

Have a great weekend!

Subject Matter

Reading:

This week we started learning about the parts of The Daily 5! The Daily 5 will be the structure we use during our literacy learning time each day. *Read to Self* is the first part of The Daily 5 we've started working on. We've also plugged in *Read to Someone*, *Word Work*, and *Work on Writing*. Invite your student to describe what each of these stations looks and sounds like in our classroom. For more information about the Daily 5, please check out your student's handout in their "For Home" side.

Grammar:

Next week we will begin working on writing telling sentences.

Spelling:

We will start our Spelling routine next week! A Spelling list came home with your student today along with information about how spelling works each week. We will take a pretest on Monday. Our test will be Thursday.

Please encourage your student to practice the sight word flashcards at home each week.

Math:

This week we started training for Math Stations. Similar to Daily 5 in literacy, Math Stations is a structure we will use during our math time. It allows students to work beyond the everyday skill instruction in a variety of ways.

We also started Rocket Math. This is a program that allows students to practice and master basic addition and subtraction facts at an individualized pace. We will strive to do Rocket Math every day. Your student will come home with a sheet of facts he/she can practice at home daily. I encourage students to practice + and - facts at home every day to work toward mastery. ☺

Science:

For the next few weeks the students will explore the life cycle of butterflies. Invite your student to discuss the special project we began today!

S.S.:

Next week we will begin our year with a Citizenship unit and exploring how Character Counts at Washington.

Announcements

Tue., Aug. 27th: Orientation Night

Wed., Aug. 28th: Picture Day

Mon., Sep. 2nd: **NO SCHOOL**- Labor Day

Mon., Sep. 9th: PTO Meeting @ 6:30
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