



**Washington
Elementary School**

Friday, September 6th

Classroom News

Miscellaneous Tidbits

It's awesome to see the students blasting through Rocket Math addition levels! Before long we will switch to subtraction. Please encourage your student to start practicing subtraction facts now! Have fun and be creative with your math fact play. 😊

Next week we will take our first MAP tests for Reading and Math. Students will take these tests on the computer in our library. We've talked a lot about simply giving our best effort and showing what we know. No need to worry!

Next Thursday, September 12th, is our Back to School Picnic from 5:00-7:00 on the playground! We're inviting all our Washington families and friends to join us for food and fun together as a way to celebrate the start of an amazing year of school! I am looking forward to seeing our 2S students and families!



Have a splendid weekend!

Subject Matter

Reading:

This week we continued to target comprehension strategies including identifying genre, and story structure. Next week we will step out of our reading book to continue practicing story structure with other texts, and work to get Daily 5 reading rotations smooth and solid.

Grammar:

We will continue to practice writing different types of sentences with sentence rules included (beginning capital, ending punctuation). We will also begin working on paragraph writing starting with choosing a topic, and introducing it with a strong topic sentence.

Spelling:

Your student's spelling list came home today in their take home folder. We will take a pretest on Monday. Our test will be Thursday.

Please also keep practicing the sight word flashcards at home.

Math:

This week we've continued to work with addition and subtraction. We focused on subtraction story problems and fact families. Next week we will move on to Topic 2: Addition Strategies.

Science:

It's an exciting world of butterflies in 2nd grade! Although we have not yet had a butterfly complete its whole life cycle and survive to release, we are still patiently waiting on a couple in their chrysalis stage to emerge! Despite our troubles, we have used our experience to dive deep into understanding the circle of life in nature. What amazing 2nd grade Scientists we have!

S.S.:

Next week the students will learn about the history and heroes of September 11th.

Announcements

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

Thu., Sep. 12th: Back to School Picnic
5:00-7:00 (playground)

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