

Benson's Bits

Week 36

May 13-17, 2024

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***MOTHER'S DAY** ~ I hope all the MOMs had a wonderful Mother's Day! Thank you for ALL that you do for your child!

***THANK YOU** ~ *A special THANK YOU to all the students who gave me a card or gift for TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK. I am humbled. Thank you for being such wonderful students this year. You sure make teaching FUN for ME!

***EXCITING NEWS** ~ Our caterpillars are now in the chrysalis stage. Next step in the life cycle - butterflies!

***ASSESSMENTS** ~ *This week students will be finishing end of the year assessments. Please be sure students eat a good breakfast and are well rested.

*One of the reading assessments that students will take this week is on ipads. The **HMH growth measure** is a reading assessment program which provides immediate, actionable data on student's reading levels and growth over time. HMH helps educators differentiate instruction, make meaningful interventions, forecast growth toward grade-level state tests, and demonstrate accountability. This will be the second time students have taken this assessment this year.

NOTE: We didn't have time for this assessment last week due to the music program practice and performance.

***SPELLING** ~ There will be no new spelling list sent home this week. Students will be reviewing prefixes and suffixes during class.

***SECOND GRADE** ~ WOW! I can't believe there are only ten days left of second grade! What a crazy and enjoyable year this had been! Let's make the most of our last days together by making some fun memories.

***FIELD TRIP ~** The first and second grade students will be traveling to the Chahinkapa Zoo in Wahpeton, North Dakota on Monday May 20. The bus leaves at 8:05 a.m. and will arrive back at school by bus time. Students should eat a good breakfast at home as there won't be time to eat breakfast at school. Remember to bring a **SACK LUNCH** with **BEVERAGE**, wear **TENNIS SHOES** (no sandals) and **LAYERED CLOTHING**. **NO MONEY** is needed. Other items to bring to pass the time on the bus might be notebooks to draw/color, crayons, and/or books to read. Students may bring devices to take pictures, but are also responsible for any lost items. Please turn in permission forms as soon as possible.

***MEMORY BOOK ~** This week students will be creating memory book pages which will be added to their *Second Grade Memory Books*.

***TEAMWORK PARTY ~** We will celebrate another **PIZZA PARTY** this week for all of the great **TEAMWORK** shown.

***HOMEWORK ~** Second grade students have worked **EXTRA HARD** these last two weeks doing some challenging assessments. To show them my appreciation for their hard work, there will be **NO HOMEWORK** this week! **THANK YOU GRADE 2!!**

Monday -

*Students wrote about their weekend in journals.

*Our mini-lesson in reading turned students into detectives as they read clues and had to draw conclusions based on them.

*During spelling we did activities related to the suffixes -less and -ful.

*Today in math students reviewed math skills by playing a game, and doing activities on IXL.

*Students read a Scholastic News about homes that **SNAILS** live in.

HOMEWORK:

Tuesday -

- *Students will edit and revise yesterday's journal about their weekend, then share with friends.
- *Our mini-lesson in reading will turn students into detectives as they read clues and draw conclusions based on them.
- *HMH testing on ipads
- *Students will work on Memory Book pages today.
- *During spelling we will do activities related to the suffixes -less and -ful.
- *Today in math students will review math skills by playing a game, and doing activities on IXL.
- *Students will read a Scholastic News about STATE FAIRS.

HOMEWORK:

Wednesday -

- *Second graders will practice handwriting skills this morning.
- *Our mini-lesson in reading will turn students into detectives as they read clues and draw conclusions based on them.
- *HMH testing on ipads
- *Students will work on Memory Book pages today.
- *During spelling we will do activities related to the suffixes -tion, -sion, and -ion.
- *Today in math students will review math skills by playing a game, and doing activities on IXL.
- *Students will read a Scholastic News about the SUMMER OLYMPICS.

HOMEWORK:

Thursday -

- *Students will journal about favorite memories of second grade.
- *Our mini-lesson in reading will turn students into detectives as they read clues and draw conclusions based on them.
- *HMH testing on ipads
- *Students will work on Memory Book pages today.
- *During spelling we will do activities related to the suffixes -tion, -sion, and -ion.
- *Students will learn about some of the animals at the Chahinkapa Zoo today.
- *Today in math students will review math skills by doing activities on IXL.
- *We will continue to work on our Butterfly Unit this afternoon.

HOMework:

Friday - LIBRARY DAY

- *Second graders will practice handwriting skills.
- *Our mini-lesson in reading will turn students into detectives as they read clues and draw conclusions based on them.
- *Students will write a "personal time capsule" which I will save and give to them when they graduate from high school.
- *Students will work on Memory Book pages today.
- *Second graders will play games to review prefixes and suffixes.
- *Today in math students will review math skills by playing small group games with friends.
- *We will continue to work on our butterfly unit this afternoon.
- **LIBRARY DAY ~ Students WILL NOT be checking out any new books this year.

A LOOK AHEAD:

- *May 20 ~ 1st and 2nd Grade Fieldtrip to Chahinkapa Zoo in Wahpeton, ND
- *May 21 ~ Second grade visit to the Fertile Public Library
- *May 22 ~ Track and Field Day for Grades K-3 (12:15 p.m. at the Sports Complex)
- *May 23 ~ PICNIC DAY (Please send a sack lunch with beverage. We will picnic outside near the playground.)
- *May 24 ~ LAST DAY of SCHOOL for students (EARLY DISMISSAL 1:00 p.m.)