

# Benson's Bits

Week 36

May 11-15, 2026

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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, flowers, 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!

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

**\*LIBRARY** ~ Please be sure ALL library books have been returned for the year.

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

**\*THE K-3 MUSIC PROGRAM "THE BEAR WENT OVER THE MOUNTAIN"** will be performed this Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 and 7:00 p.m. Doors open at 2:15 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. For the evening performance, students may be dropped off in their CLASSROOMS beginning at 6:45 p.m. Parents must accompany each student to their room and sign them in before the performance and return to their child's classroom after the performance to sign them out. **Students will wear black or blue pants or a skirt (shorts are fine weather permitting), and dark colored shoes/socks (sandals will work as long as they have back straps - NO flip flops) for both performances.** Parents, please plan to send or have your child wear the pants/skirt/shorts and dark colored shoes/socks to school for the afternoon show and again in the evening of May 12. A FALCON MUSIC SHIRT will be provided to wear for both performances. These shirts will stay at school to be used for future programs. Headbands that depict any character/animal your child may be, as well as face paint (Snazaroo brand), will also be provided at school.

**\*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.

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

**\*FIELD TRIP ~** The first and second grade students will be traveling to the Chahinkapa Zoo on Monday May 18. The bus leaves at 8:00 a.m. and will arrive back in time for the afternoon buses to leave on their regular routes. Students should 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 responsible for any lost items. A permission form was sent home last week. **Please return the FIELD TRIP PERMISSION FORM by this WEDNESDAY MAY 13** if you would like your child to participate.

**\*DAILY 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 worked on handwriting skills.

\*Second graders practiced their music program this morning.

\*Students started their Memory Book pages today.

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

\*We will continue to work on our Caterpillar/Butterfly Unit.

\*Students read a Scholastic News about a kid lifeguard.

## **HOMEWORK:**

## **Tuesday - K-3 Music Program "The Bear Went Over the Mountain" at 2:30 and 7:00 p.m.**

- \*Students will work on handwriting skills this morning.
- \*Second graders will have dress rehearsal for their music program this morning.
- \*Students will work on Memory Book pages today.
- \*Today in math students will review time telling skills by playing a game, and doing activities on IXL.
- \*We will continue to work on our Caterpillar/Butterfly Unit.
- \*Students will perform the afternoon musical at 2:30 p.m.

### **HOMEWORK:**

## **Wednesday -**

- \*Second graders will practice handwriting skills this morning.
- \*During spelling we will do activities related to the suffixes -tion, -sion, and -ion.
- \*Students will work on Memory Book pages today.
- \*Second graders will watch the video of their music program and celebrate with Mrs. Christianson.
- \*Today in math students will review place value skills by playing a game, and doing activities on IXL.
- \*We will continue to work on our Caterpillar/Butterfly Unit.
- \*Students will read a Scholastic News about a Soccer Star.

### **HOMEWORK:**

## **Thursday -**

- \*Students will journal about favorite memories of second grade.
- \*Second graders will work on handwriting skills.
- \*During spelling we will do activities related to the suffixes -tion, -sion, and -ion.
- \*Students will work on Memory Book pages.
- \*Today in math students will review measurement skills by playing a game and doing activities on IXL.
- \*We will continue to work on our Caterpillar/Butterfly Unit.
- \*\*LIBRARY DAY ~ Students WILL NOT be checking out any new books this year.

## HOMEWORK:

### Friday -

- \*Second graders will practice handwriting skills.
- \*Students will write a "personal time capsule" which I will save and give to them when they graduate from high school.
- \*Second graders will play games to review prefixes and suffixes.
- \*Students will work on Memory Book pages today.
- \*Today in math students will review fraction skills by playing small group games with friends.
- \*We will continue to work on our Caterpillar/Butterfly Unit.
- \*Students will read a Scholastic News about celebrating the 250<sup>th</sup> birthday of our country on July 4, 2026.

## HOMEWORK:

### A LOOK AHEAD:

- \*May 12 ~ K-3 Grade Musical (Performances 2:30 and 7:00 p.m.)
- \*May 18 ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Fieldtrip to Chahinkapa Zoo in Wahpeton, ND
- \*May 19 ~ Second grade visit to the Fertile Public Library
- \*May 21 ~ Track and Field Day for Grades K-3. (12:45 p.m. at the Sports Complex)
- \*May 22 ~ LAST DAY of SCHOOL for students  
PICNIC DAY (Please send a sack lunch with beverage. We will picnic outside near the playground.)