

Benson's Bits

Week 5

Sept. 30-Oct. 4, 2024

~ Boone is Star of the Week ~

*Congratulations to our class for earning two more TEAMWORK PARTIES and our first PIZZA PARTY (every five teamwork parties = pizza party). We celebrated on Monday with chips and nacho cheese and had our PIZZA PARTY with ice cream cups for dessert on Friday! What a great week to celebrate working together to accomplish fun things!

Next week, October 7-11, will be HOMECOMING WEEK! High School students will be choosing to participate in special "Dress Up Days" throughout the week. Elementary students will join in the fun on Friday October 11 with SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY. Dress in FB school colors (red, white, and blue) to show support for our FALCONS! Elementary students will also walk in the HOMECOMING PARADE beginning at 2:00 that will travel down Highway 32 from the Veteran's Memorial to FB School if parents/community would like to watch. There will be a K-12 PEP FEST following the parade in the gym that parents/community are also welcomed to attend. If you plan on picking your child up from school next Friday afternoon, please meet us back in our classroom after the Pep Fest.

Elementary students will have the opportunity to buy homecoming items during HOMECOMING WEEK. An order form with items listed will be sent home this week to help parents/students decide what they might want to purchase. Student council members will be coming into elementary classrooms each day during HOMECOMING WEEK to sell the items.

*READING GOALS ~ During the months of October-February our elementary students will be participating in a READING PROGRAM sponsored by two local businesses: Northdale Oil and Main Street Station and Deli. It is a great way to motivate and reward reading. There will be different goals (# of days required) to read in each month. The goal for the month of October is to read 12 days - (minimum of 15-20 minutes each day). The monthly letter and goal calendar will be sent home tomorrow. Please return on Friday November 1.

*Spelling word lists will be sent home on Mondays. The words will be tested on Fridays.

HOMEWORK ~ Read 15-20 minutes **each night** under something like a table, blanket, etc. Be creative!

Monday -

- *Second graders wrote about their weekends.
- *Our mini-lesson in reading focused on analyzing characters in stories.
- *Spelling words were introduced by students sorting one and two-syllable words and playing a game to review meanings of each.
- *We started a new unit in math that focuses on grouping by 10s.
- *We read a Scholastic News about how to make your brain stronger.

HOMEWORK:

- *Spelling words sent home (Unit 3). Please study the word list throughout the week. The spelling test will be on Friday. The homework sorting paper sent home tonight will also be due on Friday.
- *Math Home Link 2.1
- *Unit 2 Math Parent Letter sent home ~ please keep for reference throughout the next unit.

Tuesday -

- *Students will edit and share their journal writing with friends.
- *Our reading mini-lesson will help students to visualize characters through their actions, words, thoughts, and feelings.
- *Students will blend sounds to read their spelling words.
- *Today's math lesson will focus on solving addition story problems.
- *Students will learn about the color wheel this afternoon during art.
- *Second graders will learn about leaves and why they change colors in the fall.

HOMEWORK:

- *Math homework ~ addition number stories
- *Spelling ~ word search
- *Read 15-20 minutes and shade in your October reading calendar.
- **Reading goal LETTER and CALENDAR sent home for the month of October. READ, READ, READ to meet your reading goal for the month! Prizes will be given out to all goal achievers.

Wednesday -

- *Students will brainstorm characteristics about their friend Boone and write about him in their journals.
- *Our reading mini-lesson will focus on identifying and analyzing character traits after reading a story about a little duck.
- *Students will blend sounds to read words and review word meanings of multi-syllable words.
- *Today in math students will practice adding "doubles" like $4+4$ and $7+7$ along with combinations of 10.
- *Second graders will create a color wheel using primary colors to create secondary colors. Then they will paint colorful leaves using the secondary colors they made.

HOMEWORK:

- *Math Home Link 2.3
- *Spelling ~ word unscramble
- *Read 15-20 minutes and shade in your October reading calendar.

Thursday -

- *Second graders will work to create a story web about autumn/fall leaves to prepare for writing a poem about them, then begin their poem writing project.
- *Our reading mini-lesson will focus on identifying and analyzing character traits after reading a version of Little Red Riding Hood.
- *Students will sort words into word families and practice spelling words with friends.
- *Today in math second graders will practice making a 10 to help figure out the sum of other problems.
- *Students will use secondary colors to paint leaves on an autumn tree.

HOMEWORK:

- *Math Home Link 2.4
 - *Study spelling words for tomorrow's test.
 - *Read 15-20 minutes and shade in your October reading calendar.
- **Bring LIBRARY BOOKS back tomorrow.

Friday – *LIBRARY DAY*

- *Students will share their journals about Boone and he will share his Star of the Week items.
- *Students will complete their poem about fall leaves using the brainstormed web they created yesterday.
- *Second graders will analyze a character from a read aloud and write about that character.
- *Spelling Test ~ Unit 3
- *Our focus in math will be identifying helper doubles facts (5+5) to help solve doubles +1 (5+6); and doubles +2 (5+7) problems.

LIBRARY DAY ~ Books will be due weekly on Fridays.

HOMEWORK:

- *Have a wonderful weekend!
- *Keep reading and filling out reading goal calendars.

A LOOK AHEAD:

- *October 7-11 ~ Homecoming Week
~ Finley will be Star of the Week
- *October 11 ~ Homecoming Parade and Pep Fest
- *October 16 ~ Early Dismissal (1:45 p.m.)
- *October 17-18 ~ NO SCHOOL (MEA Vacation)
- *October 21-25 ~ Sterling will be Star of the Week
- *October 28-November 1 ~ Mason will be Star of the Week
- *October 30 ~ Pumpkin Day
- *November 4 ~ Parent-Teacher Conferences (1:00-8:30 p.m.)
- *November 11-15 ~ Sterling will be Star of the Week
- *November 18-22 ~ Beckett will be Star of the Week
- *November 20 ~ Early Dismissal (1:45 p.m.)
- *November 29-29 ~ Thanksgiving Break