

Benson's Bits

Week 12

Nov. 18-22, 2024

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~Beckett is Star of the Week~

***TEAMWORK PARTY** ~ Our class earned another TEAMWORK PARTY last week. WAY TO GO SECOND GRADERS!

***SPELLING WORD LISTS** will be sent home on Mondays. The words will be tested on Fridays.

***EARLY OUT** ~ This Wednesday, November 20, school will be dismissed at 1:45.

***WAY TO GO FALCON FOOTBALL!** The Fertile-Beltrami Falcons will play the Hills-Beaver Creek Patriots for the 9-man football STATE CHAMPIONSHIP at U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday November 23rd.

***READING GOALS** ~ New goals and a calendar were sent home for the month of November. The deadline and monthly book drawing will be Wednesday November 27.

***MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES READ TO ACHIEVE** is an optional reading program that started on October 28 and goes through December 8. Students who read and record 500 or more minutes of reading at home and/or in school between Monday October 28th and Friday December 8th will receive a ticket offer to a Timberwolves home game. Students record their "at home" reading minutes on their READ TO ACHIEVE recording sheet and return to school by Monday December 9th. Teachers are recording the "in school" minutes at school. Minutes read will be combined and recorded on a Teacher Tracking Poster.

NOTE: Students reading days/minutes may be recorded on both our MONTHLY READING GOAL CALENDAR and the TIMBERWOLVES RECORDING SHEET.

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***YEARBOOK ORDER FORM:** If you would like to order a yearbook, an order form was sent home last week. If you place an order on or before November 27, the cost is \$45. If you place an order from November 28 - January 31, the cost goes up to \$50.

***MORNING and NOON RECESS:** The weather is getting colder. Students will be required to wear coats, gloves, and hats for recess. If your family is in need of outside clothing, please let your teacher know as there are donated items for that purpose.

HOMEWORK ~ Read 15-20 minutes each night in a place that you have never read before.

Monday -

*Second graders wrote about their weekend.

*Spelling words were introduced by students sorting r-controlled one and two syllable words. They also played a game to review meanings of each.

*Our mini-lesson in reading focused on analyzing story elements (character, setting, problem, solution) by looking at pictures

*Students reviewed for the Unit 3 Math Assessment by completing a study guide that will be sent home to study tonight.

*Second grade students read a Scholastic News about a Native American Powwow that will help us to celebrate Native American Heritage Month.

HOMEWORK:

*Unit 3 Math Study Guide ~ look over before tomorrow's test

*Spelling words send home (Unit 9). 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.

Tuesday -

- *Second graders will edit their writing about the weekend and share it with friends.
- *Students will blend sounds to read words, and practice reading and writing words with the /or/ spelling pattern.
- *Our reading lesson will ask students to analyze story elements of a short passage.
- *Unit 3 Math Test
- *Students will complete their turkey hand and foot art this afternoon.

HOMEWORK:

- *Math homework ~ Thanksgiving story problems
- *Spelling homework ~ word unscramble

Wednesday - *Early Dismissal (1:45 p.m.)*

- *Students will brainstorm positive characteristics about their friend Beckett and write about him in journals.
- *Our reading mini-lesson will focus on analyzing story elements of a longer passage.
- *Students will work with partners to write spelling words and complete a worksheet that reviews each word's meaning
- *Second graders will tell time to the nearest *hour* and *half hour*.

HOMEWORK:

- *Math Home Link 4.1
- *Unit 4 Math Parent Letter sent home ~ please keep for reference throughout the next unit.
- *Spelling homework ~ crossword puzzle

Thursday -

- *Second graders will practice handwriting skills this morning.
- *Our reading mini-lesson will ask students to use strategies to analyze questions and find answers, clues, and evidence in a text.
- *Students will sort/or/ words into spelling pattern categories. Spelling words will be read and practiced with a partner.
- *Today in math students will practice telling time to the nearest 5-minute interval.
- *Students will create "sticker turkeys" to go along with their "thankful writing".

HOMWORK:

*Study spelling words for tomorrow's Unit 9 test. Return spelling sort worksheet sent home on Monday.

*Math Home Link 4.2

**BRING BACK LIBRARY BOOKS tomorrow!

Friday - Library Day

*Beckett will share his Star of the Week items and students will share their journals about Beckett for his video.

*Our reading mini-lesson will ask students to use strategies to analyze questions and find answers, clues, and evidence in a read aloud text.

*Spelling Test ~ Unit 9

*Second graders will practice telling time using a.m. and p.m.

**LIBRARY DAY ~ Books will be due weekly on Fridays!

HOMWORK:

*Have a fun-filled weekend

*GO FALCONS! WE BELIEVE!

A LOOK AHEAD:

*November 27 ~ November Book Goal Calendar due

*November 28-29 ~ NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving Break)

*December 2-6 ~ Natalie will be Star of the Week

*December 9-13 ~ Miles will be Star of the Week

*December 9 ~ Timberwolves READ TO ACHIEVE recording sheet due

*December 16-20 ~ Miles will be Star of the Week

*December 18 ~ EARLY OUT (2:30 p.m.)

*December 20 ~ Last day of school before Christmas break