



Miss Johnson

SECOND GRADE SCOOP



Room 6

September 12, 2008

Week at a Glance:

Reading--We finished our project from the story *Nate the Great!* The students did a character analysis and wrote a paragraph to describe a particular character. We turned these into "Lost" posters which will be hanging in our back windows. Come check them out!

Writing--We started talking about how to get writing ideas, in preparation for *Writer's Workshop*. We brainstormed a list of topics the students can use in their stories. Next week we will begin the prewriting process, so students should be looking for their first story idea!

Math--This week continued learning about standard and expanded form. We did a lot of practice using cubes and base-10 blocks to understand place value. Students should be able to show you what an "HTO" chart is! We also used place value to compare two and three digit numbers.

Social Studies--We have been talking about our long-term social studies project for our unit: "Long Ago and Yesterday." Your child will be taking home directions and an interview packet in today's Friday folder. Directions are included, but if you have any questions, feel free to contact me immediately for clarification. Please feel free to help write notes for your child on the yellow notes pages during the interview, but the white book should contain the students' writing only. The interview packet will be due back to school on Friday, September 26th. Remember to start early, as this project will take some time!

Nate the Great Puzzle Day: We had so many parents volunteer items and their time! Thank you! Please bring the items of donation to school in a brown bag--we don't want to give away clues to the surprise! If you're coming to help out, head straight out to the lunchtime picnic tables at about 9:15 for set up! Check the emails to find out what's still needed.

Writer's Workshop Parents: If you signed up for Writer's Workshop (or didn't, and want to help out), please come to our training on Thursday, September 18th at 2:30. It shouldn't take more than 1/2 hour. We will go over how Writer's Workshop works and put together a schedule for volunteers.

Scholastic Book Orders: Our first order will come home in today's Friday folder. The orders are for September and October. Please bring them back by Friday, September 19th and make one check payable to Scholastic Book Club. Thank you to Mrs. Wada for doing our book orders this year!

Dates To Remember:

Nate the Great Puzzle Day--Tuesday, September 16th, setup at 9:15 at the lunchtime picnic tables!

Picture Day--Thursday, September 18th

Writer's Workshop Training--Thursday, September 18th at 2:30

Book Orders Due: Friday, September 19th

Long Ago and Yesterday Project Due--Friday, September 26th

HELP STILL NEEDED:

Writer's Workshop Parents (Thursdays: 9-9:35): Come to our training day on Sep. 18th!

Friday Folder Stuffers (March, May, June): Fridays after or during lunch

Silent Auction Parents: Need one more parent to help coordinate!

Garden Parent: We have a budget! If you're not a gardener, could you help coordinate help? (ie Boy Scouts, Brownie Troop, etc.)

Have a wonderful weekend!!

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