



Miss Johnson

# SECOND GRADE SCOOP



Room 6

September 5, 2008

## Week at a Glance:

**Grammar**--This week we introduced syllabication. We had fun doing a syllable search in our reading book, looking for words with different numbers of syllables. You will be seeing more work with syllables throughout year in the homework packets. By May, the students will be expected to know how to separate words into syllables correctly.

**Math**--This week we discussed place value and how to find the value of each number. We used base ten blocks as we practiced this skill.

- **Math Facts Practice**--As we discussed at Back to School Night, math facts mastery is important in second grade. To better prepare for Mad Minute Math timed tests starting in October, math practice sheets are included in your Friday Folder for your use. Please use these masters to make copies as needed.

**Social Studies**--We have begun our new social studies program with a look at Long Ago and Yesterday. The students compared and contrasted their daily lives with those of their parents and grandparents. We had fun looking at old fashioned bicycles and telephones!

**Nate the Great**--Step Up To Writing--We wrote a rough draft paragraph about a character we've chosen in Nate the Great. Through this writing model, students used color coding to write a topic sentence, four detailed sentences, and a

conclusion. The topic sentence is green (Go! Begin the paragraph), the details are yellow (Slow down and explain), and the conclusion is green (Go back to the beginning). The paragraphs will be incorporated into a poster for display in the classroom.

Nate the Great Puzzle Day:-- A day of puzzles leading to a second grade SURPRISE! Please see the volunteer sheet in today's Friday folder for more information. Our room parents will compile the sign-up sheets and contact you so you will know what to bring in. Please bring the items of donation to school in a brown bag-we don't want to give away clues to the surprise! - Thanks again for your help! I'm looking forward to a fun day!

### HELP STILL NEEDED:

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

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

VIP parents (Once a month--1 more needed): at home gluing at your own pace.

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.)

### Dates To Remember:

Nate the Great Puzzle Day--Tuesday, September 16th

Writers' Workshop Training--Thursday, September 18 at 2:30

Picture Day--Thursday, September 18th

Have a wonderful weekend!!

*Miss Johnson*