



## **SECOND GRADE WEEKLY**

October 3, 2011

Dear parents,

September has ended and October is here! The air has that certain chill that promises colder weather. Much will be happening soon that is fun and exciting, so please read carefully!

Our September Accelerated Reader goals went very well. A few students still need to finish earning those two September points, but most finished them on time! Now we start over with October points! I will again require the students to earn two AR points by the last day of October. This takes only a little planning to take a test a week. If your child earns all the points on each of these tests, the two points are all done! The problem comes when the last week of the month comes and the points aren't taken care of. Make a plan to begin early on the tests! Many children earned well over the two points for September, and that's great! Don't limit yourself to the requirement. Go for it!

Another reading incentive program we have is called Book It! You'll remember from first grade that the children will have monthly reading goals to reach. In second grade, we keep track of minutes spent reading at home. I will send a tracker sheet home each month that gives the number of minutes that your child should attempt to read during the month. I have used twenty minutes a day (give or take four days a month) to set the goal for minutes read per month. Any child who is able to read and record this many minutes read per month may bring the sheet back and receive a coupon for a free personal pizza at Pizza Hut! Yum! More information will be sent home about the program along with the tracking sheet for October.

A book order packet was sent home on Friday. Look through the flyers and, if you'd like to order books, you may follow the directions for ordering online or you may send the order forms and payment to me and I will take care of placing your order. The deadline to order is Friday, October 14.

School pictures will be taken of the second graders THIS FRIDAY, October 7.

Don't forget to send in your \$5 for the party fund!

I encourage you to take advantage of registering for the online Biblical Parenting University classes. We will also be hosting the co-founders here at Guardian on Saturday, October 29 for an all-day parenting seminar. Sign up now!

THIS WEEK:

MEMORY: Tuesday: "Beautiful Savior," verse three:

Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels in the sky.

Thursday: "Beautiful Savior," verse four:

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration  
Now and forevermore be Thine!

RELIGION: "Exodus"

READING: How-To writing; map comprehension; "The Green Leaf Club News;" shared writing of a set of rules; setting.

PHONICS: Long e: ee, ea; final consonant digraphs.

MATH: Subtraction Strategies.

ENGLISH: Commas in a Series; grammar review of sentences; common errors with incomplete sentences.

SPELLING: Week 5, Unit 1: Inflected Ending -ed. The practice test will be on Thursday and the final test on Friday.

jumped	crossed	house(hf)	looked	pulled
wished	never(hf)	called	pushed	picked
wanted	walked			

BONUS: punished borrowed worked

SOCIAL STUDIES: Lesson 4: Our Country's Government. This week we will cover the three branches of our U.S. government and the Constitution.

HANDWRITING: tT, hH, kK; Practice.

SCIENCE: Lesson 5: How do scientists collect and share data?

ART: A Tree for Fall.

COMPUTERS: Inside the White House at [www.whitehouse.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov).

P.E.: Locomotor skill activities; bean bag skills.

Have a blessed week,  
Linda Ramthun