



## SECOND GRADE WEEKLY

October 31, 2011

Dear parents,

**Happy Reformation Day! October 31 isn't only Halloween. It's a very important holiday to Christians everywhere — especially Lutheran Christians. We are thankful for Martin Luther and how much he helped Christians to realize God's love and the truths found in Scripture. Happy Reformation Day!**

**Our Halloween party will be on Monday, October 31 at 1:45. Those of you reading this online before Monday, please remember that costumes should be in keeping with a Christian celebration of Halloween. Avoid the evil and bloody side of Halloween that has become so popular. Children should bring their costumes to school and we will change at 1:30. Parents are welcome and encouraged to bring cameras!**

**The first quarter has ended and it's time for parent-teacher conferences. A schedule was sent home on Friday. Please realize that it is very IMPORTANT, and sometimes very difficult, for me to stay strictly on schedule. If I run late or behind, it is not only my schedule that is affected, but very likely the schedule of other teachers as well. If we aren't able to cover what needs to be discussed during the fifteen-minute time frame, we will need to schedule additional time at a later time. If you will not be able to make your scheduled conference time, please let me or the office know ahead of time. Report cards will be handed out at conferences.**

**The second grade won a pizza lunch!!!!!! I have scheduled that lunch for THIS WEDNESDAY, so the children will not need to order hot lunch or to bring cold lunches from home. I have been told that everything will be provided for them, including drinks. Please remember to still send a snack on Wednesday, however.**

**On Wednesday of this week we will begin our unit on money in math. I would like for each child to have a "money bag." Please fill a ziploc bag with twenty pennies, twenty nickels, ten dimes, and four quarters and send it to school by Wednesday. We will use the coins for hands-on practice during lessons. Please use a permanent marker to write your child's name on the bag, or I can. The coins will be kept safe at school during the unit and will be returned after the test.**

**I will do AR points a little differently for November and December. Both months can be somewhat hectic with holidays, so I would like to combine them and require the children to earn three points by December 21, which is the last day of school before Christmas.**

**Our first Book It month has come to an end. If your child was able to log enough minutes to reach the goal of 540 minutes for the month, send in the signed reading log and I will send home their**

coupon for a free personal pizza at Pizza Hut. I will send the reading log home for November so that you can get started right away logging those reading minutes.

Finally, I have some field trip dates for you to mark on your calendars. In addition to the Wednesday, November 16 trip to Henry Ford Community College to see "Sleeping Beauty," the second grade will be going to Nankin Mills in Westland for three trips. The first is Thursday, December 1 at 10:00 until 11:30 for "Owls of Michigan," the second is Thursday, January 19 from 1:00 until 2:30 for "Animal Mysteries," and the third is Thursday, March 15 at 1:00 until 2:30 for "Underground Railroad History." We will also go to the Henry Ford in February TBA and to the Dearborn Historical Museum in May TBA.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT, WHEN THE MEMORY ASSIGNMENT IS A BIBLE VERSE, THE CHAPTER AND VERSE ARE TO BE SAID ALONG WITH THE RECITATION ITSELF.**

**THIS WEEK:**

**MEMORY:** Tuesday: "It is God who works in you to will and to act according to His good purpose." Philippians 2:13.

Thursday: The Second Commandment: "You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God."

**RELIGION:** We will finish up our talk about Martin Luther; "God's People Build a Memorial;" and "The Battle of Jericho."

**READING:** Unit One Skills test.

**PHONICS:** Unit One Skills test.

**MATH:** Place Value continued with the test on Tuesday. Topic 5: Counting Money.

**ENGLISH:** Nouns

**SPELLING:** Week 3, Unit 2: Plural -s and -es. This short the practice test will be on Wednesday and the final test on Thursday.

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| around(hf) | food(hf) | room  | rooms   | puppy  | puppies |

**BONUS:** family families hobby hobbies

**SOCIAL STUDIES:** Unit 2: The World Around Us.

**HANDWRITING:** nN, mM, pP.

**SCIENCE:** Lesson 2: What are some parts of animals?

**ART:** None this week (Halloween party)

**COMPUTERS:** We will begin work with home row keyboarding. We'll learn finger position and practice the keys a and ;.

**P.E.:** Activity stations.

Blessings in Him,  
Linda Ramthun