

Benson's Bits

Week 35

May 6-10, 2024

***CATERPILLARS** ~ We continue to note the caterpillars' growth and physical changes on our Butterfly Life Cycle log. We are anxiously waiting for our caterpillars to crawl to the top of the jar and form into a letter J, which means the chrysalis stage is soon to follow.

***ASSESSMENTS** ~ This week students will be completing end of the year individual reading skill assessments in our classroom ~ sight words, chunks/word families, and decoding words. Students will also be working on some end of the year whole group assessments ~ editing, noun/verb, and handwriting. Please be sure students eat a good breakfast and are well rested.

*One of the reading assessments that students will take this week is on ipads. The **HMH growth measure** is a reading assessment program which provides immediate, actionable data on student's reading levels and growth over time. HMH helps educators differentiate instruction, make meaningful interventions, forecast growth toward grade-level state tests, and demonstrate accountability. This will be the second time students have taken this assessment this year.

***THE K-3 MUSIC PROGRAM "SUMMER CAMP"** will be on Tuesday, May 7th at 2:30 and 7:00 p.m. Doors open at 2:15 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. For the evening performance, students may be dropped off in their **CLASSROOMS** beginning at 6:45 p.m. Parents must accompany each student to their room and sign them in before the performance and return to their child's classroom after the performance to sign them out. You are welcome to take photos of your student(s) and their friends in front of the displays. There will **NOT** be a reception with snacks after the show. **If you have been assigned a part that requires a costume, please plan to bring/wear the costume to school for the afternoon show and again in the evening. If you don't have an assigned costume, please plan to wear black or blue pants or a skirt, and dark colored shoes/socks. A FALCON MUSIC SHIRT will be provided to wear for both performances. These shirts will stay at school to be used for future programs.**

***MATH HOMEWORK** ~ Second grade students have worked EXTRA HARD these last two weeks doing some challenging math assessments. To show them my appreciation for their hard work, there will be NO MATH HOMEWORK this week! THANK YOU GRADE 2!!

HOMEWORK ~ Read a book each night to anyone in your life that has been a MOM to you.

Monday -

- *Students wrote a rough draft of a poem about their MOMS for Mother's Day.
- *Our mini-lesson in reading asked students to make inferences and draw conclusions while reading the book "Stephanie Investigates".
- *Individual reading assessments were given.
- *Spelling words were introduced by students sorting the words into two categories ~ *base/root words* and *(dis-) prefix with base/root word*. Students also played a game to review meanings of each.
- *Second graders reviewed standards based math skills this afternoon.
- *Students read a Scholastic News about how a young boy helped Monarch butterflies.

HOMEWORK:

- *Spelling words sent home (Week 29). Please study the word list throughout the week. This week the spelling test will be on Friday. The homework sorting paper sent home tonight will also be due on Friday.

Tuesday - K-3 Music Program "Summer Camp" at 2:30 and 7:00 p.m.

- *Second graders will complete the final copy of their Mother's Day poem.
- *Our mini-lesson in reading will ask students to make inferences and draw conclusions while reading the book "Stephanie Investigates".
- *HMH testing on ipads
- *Individual reading assessments will be given.
- *Students will blend sounds to read words beginning with the prefix *dis-*.
- *Today in math students will review second grade math skills and work on IXL.
- *Students will perform the afternoon musical.

HOMEWORK:

*Spelling homework ~ word unscramble

*Please have your child back to our classroom at 6:45 p.m. for the evening performance.

Wednesday -

*Students will create Mother's Day cards for MOMS.

*Students will complete the manuscript writing assessment.

*Second graders will complete the daily edit review and assessment this morning.

*Our mini-lesson in reading will ask students to make inferences and draw conclusions while reading the book "Stephanie Investigates".

*HMH testing on ipads

*Individual reading assessments will be given.

*Students will work with the *dis-* prefix, along with practicing spelling words with a friend.

*Today in math students will review second grade math skills and work on IXL.

*We will work on our Butterfly Unit this afternoon.

HOMEWORK:

*Spelling homework ~ crossword puzzle

Thursday -

*Second graders will complete the daily edit review and assessment this morning.

*Our mini-lesson in reading will ask students to make inferences and draw conclusions while reading the book "Stephanie Investigates".

*Individual reading assessments will be given.

*Students will sort spelling words into categories, along with practicing the words by playing a game.

*Today in math students will review second grade math skills on IXL.

*Students will complete Mother's Day gifts this afternoon and they will be sent home TODAY!

*Butterfly symmetry will be the focus of our art lesson today.

HOMEWORK:

*Study spelling words for tomorrow's test. Return spelling sort that was sent home on Monday.

**Bring back LIBRARY BOOKS!

Friday - LIBRARY DAY (ALL BOOKS should be returned TODAY)

Field Trip Permission form due

*Second graders will review for and take a noun and verb assessment.

*Our mini-lesson in reading will ask students to make inferences and draw conclusions while reading the book "Stephanie Investigates".

*Individual reading assessments

*Spelling test - Week 29

*Second graders will review standards based math skills.

*We will continue to work on our butterfly unit this afternoon.

**LIBRARY DAY ~ ALL BOOKS are due TODAY

HOMEWORK:

*READ! READ! READ!

*Wish your MOM a HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY on Sunday!

A LOOK AHEAD:

*May 17 ~ LAST DAY of LIBRARY

*May 20 ~ 1st and 2nd Grade Fieldtrip to Chahinkapa Zoo in Wahpeton, ND

*May 21 ~ Second grade visit to the Fertile Public Library

*May 22 ~ Track and Field Day for Grades K-3 (12:15 p.m. at the Sports Complex)

*May 23 ~ PICNIC DAY (Please send a sack lunch with beverage. We will picnic outside near the playground.)

*May 24 ~ LAST DAY of SCHOOL for students (EARLY DISMISSAL 1:00 p.m.)

