



The Second Grade Scoop

Mrs. Council's Second Grade Class - Selwyn Elementary - Sept. 18, 2017

Dear Parents,

This is a test email of our class distribution list. If you receive this email, please reply with a simple thank you.

Our beginning of school was well covered by substitutes Mrs. Ware and Mrs. Perez. My thanks to them for getting things off to a wonderful start. I have never missed the first day of school before, let alone the first week. I appreciate the kind notes and well wishes during my absence.

During the first few weeks of school we have been on testing mode. We have completed three days of COGAT testing. I am currently conducting TRC (reading) testing with individual students, and finally, we will have MAPS Testing during the first few weeks of October. We have also completed WORDS THEIR WAY assessments.

Academics: We are becoming acquainted with our new math series, Envisions. A lot of the first unit is review and introduction of new strategies for addition and subtraction. With reading we have been working on launching the Reader's Workshop and setting expectations for that part of the day. Writer's Workshop is focusing on creation of small moment narrative stories and some letter writing to support lessons from social studies. Social Studies has focused on building a positive discipline structure and preparing students to participate in class meetings. Our first unit in science is focusing on states of matter.

Reminders:

- Class orders for Scholastic Books are due on Tuesday, 9/19. the website is www.scholastic.com. Our class code is **GKVRV**. Scholastic Books offers an opportunity to provide your child with books for their personal library while supporting our classroom through bonus points earned through your purchases. Thank you to those of you that have already placed orders.
- Next Thursday and Friday, 9/21 and 9/22, will be teacher workdays.

Thank you for sharing your child with me! I am looking forward to an exciting year!

Have a wonderful weekend!

- Jody

