



Mrs. Schilb's Newsletter



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Teacher Notes

ITBS testing: It was a grueling week, but we made it through ITBS testing. With only a couple of make up tests to take care of, we should be back into our routine. Thank you so much for helping your child do their best!


Apple Science: Even though we will be getting out early on Thursday, the first and second grade classes will be working together to some experiments as we learn about solid, liquids, and gases. If you can help or send apples, we would appreciate it! Thanks in advance!



Our class goal each week is for 80% of the class to earn an 80% or better on the spelling test. Last week, we had great results with 86% of the students reaching their goal. To determine the level each week, I give a pretest on Monday. If your child earns a 90% or above, they are placed on the next level. I do this to make sure that each child studies and learns a phonics skill, but is challenged if they already know the words. Our goal is to learn at the appropriate level. The scores for last week were as follows:

Above 100% = 9 students WOW!!!!

100% = 2 students 85% = 1 student
95% = 1 student 80% = 2 students
90% = 3 students Below = 3 students

<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>
he	out	out
that	them	them
for	then	then
was	she	she
on	many	many
sun	stay	stray
nut	play	delay
hut	today	relay
fun	raise	praise
gum	state	paint
Challenge Words	spray	fainted
strum	tray	betray
chunk	fray	walkway
	plate	crayon
	crane	decorate
	blame	framed
	shame	deflate
	Challenge Words	Challenge Words
	holiday	holiday
	driveway	driveway

Important Dates Coming Up:

- September 27th: Apple Science
- September 27th: School Improvement Half Day - Early dismissal at 11:30
- September 28th: No School, Teachers' Inservice

Special Person of the Week!



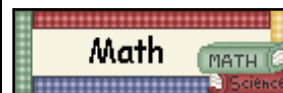
Eric!

Eric is a second grader and his favorite subject in school is math. He likes to go to the library in his spare time, and wants to be a policeman when he grows up because they have guns and they pull people over. His two buddies, Mayson & Digo say "Eric never gets in trouble, he's a good reader, and he pays attention in school!" You bet.



Last week, the students worked on a reading strategy called Eagle Eye. This reading strategy reminds the student to look at the pictures for clues, when they get stuck on a new word in their book. This strategy is great for all students, particularly our 2nd graders who are reading much more difficult nonfiction books.

I will continue to read with 2nd grade students this week to assess fluency, as well as work with 1st grade students on reading, and rereading to improve fluency. Next week, I will begin to send home word rings for those students who need some extra practice on these high frequency words. Please look for new books on Tuesday.



First grade students are working on simple addition and we will move to strategy use this week. Second graders will also continue to work with addition as they begin to practice addition math facts up to 18. Our goal is to solve quickly and efficiently. I will begin a new program using mad minutes next week. I will also be working on story problems and using problem solving strategies for all students, according to their level.



Monday: Write spelling words in planner

Tuesday: Math worksheet

Wednesday: Spelling worksheet

REMINDER:

Several students have not yet send in money for the National Geographic magazine. Thanks in advance for sending \$2.25.