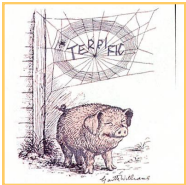


## SECOND GRADE NEWS

### Teambuilding, Word Study, and Information



#### *Charlotte's Web* By E.B. White

In our teambuilding class we are reading *Charlotte's Web*. We are discussing themes of friendship, the power of helping others, and our capacity for being a great team! Ask your child to summarize what we've read so far!

#### Word Study

Second graders are divided into four small groups for word study. Word study is simply an in depth study of words. Students will study phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, and fluency. Students will understand that spoken and written words are broken into parts: sentences consist of separate words, words consist of separate syllables, and syllables consist of separate sounds. Students will expand their vocabulary and develop reading fluency through activities and have opportunities to enhance automatic word recognition and expression. Instructions are visible, explicit, and interactive. Ask your child what he/she is doing in word study this week.

#### Important Information

- ⇒ Are you out and about and able to purchase a bag of Millet-free bird seed? We are always accepting donations! At this time we are trying to lure the birds to the feeders after they remained empty throughout much of the summer!
- ⇒ Have you RSVP'd for the JK-2 parent dinner? It is Wednesday evening at the Harrell's home in The Plains. We look forward to seeing you there!
- ⇒ Folk Song Sing Along is a great way to start our Tuesdays! Dr. Lyman and Dr. Haefner come and lead us in singing folk songs beginning Tuesday, Oct. 6 from 8:20-8:40. Join us!
- ⇒ Good manners are an important part of our second grade experience. We are working to keep our voices at an appropriate level, listen to teachers and each other, speak only when it is our turn, and to follow directions. These skills all fall under our second grade rules of Be Kind, Work Hard.
- ⇒ We ask students to unpack their own backpacks—put lunchboxes on top shelf, jacket on their hook, backpacks underneath, folders in mailboxes, and homework to their teacher's computer. These are important organizational skills we are helping them to master!

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#### Questions for your 2nd grader this week!

What is mentoring? Who is your mentor?

If I had 27 lollipops would I have enough for your class of 17 students? Would I have any leftovers? How many? Show me how you figured that out!

Do you know how to tie your shoes? Let's work on that and/or review the skill so you can get into sports class quicker!

Did you turn in your math homework? Should I read Hill's *Take Note*? (Yes!)

#### Dates to Remember

Hill Country Fair 9/26  
See Take Note for the day's schedule



JK-2 Parent Dinner 9/30  
Back to School Night 10/08  
7-9:00