

8-23-10

Dear Parents,

This week we will begin assigning homework each night, excluding Friday. Homework will be written down by the student in their assignment notebook each morning. It will also be posted on our website by Monday afternoon of each week. THE ASSIGNMENT NOTEBOOK, AS WELL AS EACH PIECE OF HOMEWORK ARE TO BE SIGNED NIGHTLY. Please read over our guidelines for completing homework.

Language Arts: The students will be given a page of Spelling homework each night. This will come from their Spelling book, which is carried back and forth in the Homework section of the STAFF. THESE PAGES ARE NOT TO BE TORN OUT, KEEP THEM IN THE SPELLING BOOK.

Students will be required to read for Accelerated Reader for at least 10 minutes each night, and be prepared to take an appropriate amount of AR tests each week (more to come on AR later!)

Students will need to study Spelling words nightly in order to be prepared for a Spelling test on Friday.

Math: Students will bring home a practice page nightly. Sometimes both sides of the paper will need to be completed, other times just one side. Please pay attention to what page number(s) is written in the assignment book, and just complete that page or pages.

Students will be doing one Simple Solution lesson per day, 4 lessons per week. They will have time to work on them at school, but if they are not able to be completed at school they will need to do so at home. This book is carried in the Math section of the STAFF and again, the pages are not to be torn out. Students will be given the opportunity to work ahead in their SS book, but are not to work ahead of the 4 lessons that we will be completing in the given week. They will take a quiz each Friday that covers the material on the 4 lessons.

Students will be given a timed drill on basic facts weekly. The drill will consist of 25 addition and subtraction problems and will follow addition and subtraction strategies taught in class. The first quarter students will be expected to complete the drill in 4 minutes, the 2nd quarter- 3 minutes, 3rd quarter-2 minutes, and 4th quarter- 1 minute. Students will have the opportunity to raise low drill grades by writing missed facts five times each. We strongly encourage studying the basic facts at home using flash cards, computer games, practice drills, etc.

It sounds like a lot when it is all written out like this, but if the students were to complete these things at school, actual written work time would be about 20 minutes. And on the bright side...NO COLORING!!!! Please contact us if you have questions or concerns.

The Second Grade Teachers