

Reading Workshop

- ☞ We will launch our Reading Workshop this week by establishing the routines that are necessary for independent workers and readers.



Social Studies

- ☞ Our first unit of Social Studies is "What is a Community?" We will kick off this unit by exploring the community closest to us, the family.

Misc. Information

- ✓ We are off to great start in our classroom. The students are making progress toward learning the expectations and routines of second grade. (Ask your second grader if they can tell you at least one word from our Mayfield BOLTS!) I believe we are going to have a great year this year!!
- ✓ The second grade teachers and students will be working together this year! Mrs. Loachridge will be teaching all second graders science. Mrs. Schwerin will be teaching Word Study to all second graders. I will be teaching social studies to all second graders this year. We have arranged to switch three times each week. We feel each second grader will gain more than just content by working with other teachers and their strengths. We will grow as a second grade community.



Week at a Glance

Mrs. Schabel - Room 2

Week of 9/8/14

Questions/Concerns:

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Specials Schedule

Tuesday – MUSIC

Wednesday – ART (older clothes)

Thursday – PHYSICAL EDUCATION (wear **tennis shoes**)

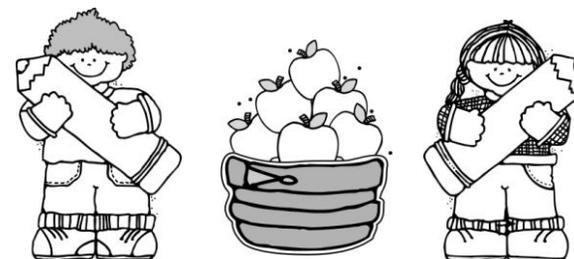
Friday – TECHNOLOGY and LIBRARY (bring library book)

Math Concepts Covered

- + We will ease into our new math program, Investigations, by again setting up expectations and routines with tools used during math time. With this program, students will be experimenting with several concepts within one unit, vs the traditional one concept per unit. This allows for deeper understanding of each concept as repetition is used often. This unit's concepts include telling time and counting accurately. Homework is to be expected for math, not necessarily daily, but regularly.

Spelling Words Skill of the Week:

For Word Study this year, students will be introduced to one or more spelling patterns per week. Activities at school will allow students to practice using the pattern in a variety of words. Please expect weekly spelling homework, in addition to helping your child prepare for the weekly test given on Friday covering the pattern(s) of the week. We will make one switch to Mrs. Schwerin's classroom for Word Study this week so students can meet her and establish routines.



Science

- ☞ Students will begin science instruction on Tuesday of this week with Mrs. Loachridge. The first science unit is Life Science, focusing on the life cycle and needs of plants.

Writing Workshop

- ✎ In writing, we will launch our Workshop by reviewing the characteristics of a small moment story from first grade. We will then build on what was learned last year and expand to the elements we will include in a second grade small moment story.
- ✎ Of course, routines will also be established!