

# Mrs. Kolb's Newsletter

## Snacks at a Glance

8/12-8/16

**GROUP 1: Josie, Elijah,  
Jashawna, Brooke, Marcus**

8/19-8/23

**GROUP 2: Audrey, Kelly, Tre-  
vor, Ethan, Jaden**

8/25-8/30

**GROUP 3: Blaine, Katie,  
Baylee, Alex, Dewey**

9/2-9/6

**GROUP 4: Lilly, Brendalyn,  
McKenzie, Ty**

9/9-9/13

**GROUP 5: Ronny, Jamison,  
Matthew, Austin**

**Instead of sending home a snack calendar each month, your child will be assigned a week (instead of a specific day) to bring in a snack. You may send your snack in the Friday before the assigned week, or on the Monday of the assigned week. I will always put a reminder in each weekly newsletter. We have 23 students, so please make sure you have enough snacks for the entire class. In order to maximize instruction time, the snack needs to be a "working snack" that is pre-packaged (either by you or bought that way). Thanks so much!**

August 12, 2013

## Reading Workshop

Amazing Words: investigate, rural, urban, downy, perch, muttered, founders, unanimous

High-Frequency Words: beautiful, country, friend, front, someone, somewhere

Core Story: *The Twin Club*

Comprehension Focus: Character & Setting

We are going to dive into our new reading series this week. It may take a couple of weeks for your child to become accustomed to the reading instruction in second grade. This is normal! We will eventually have stations and reading groups during our Reading Workshop. There will be a weekly test given at the end of each week that focuses on the skills taught throughout the week. Your child will take that first test on Friday.

## Writing Workshop

We will begin getting our Writing Journals in order this week. The students will use one of their composition notebooks as a journal. There will be tabbed sections for different components of the writing process. I tend to keep most of their writing with me throughout much of the year, and then send it home at the end. If you would like some writing samples, please let me know!

Focus:

Personal Narratives  
Conventions

## Math This Week

### Lessons 2-5

- Identifying one more and one less than a number, graphing data on a graph
- Telling and showing time to the hour
  - Writing numbers to 100
- Addition facts: Doubles with Sums to 18

## COMING UP

⇒ 9/2 Labor Day—No School

### FYI....

Second grade is a pretty big jump from first grade. Sometimes, it takes awhile for the students to feel accustomed to the change. I have been giving some pre-tests that have been stressing some of the students out. These pre-tests are not for a grade, they are given to all 2nd graders in our county. Sometimes, they are pretty lengthy. We are almost through with them! Please encourage your child. Especially if they are feeling like school is hard or boring at the moment. We are going to get to the fun learning part! I promise!



### Tell Me About Your Child

I have so enjoyed reading the letters about the children in my class. If you have not had a chance to write yours, that is fine. I'll be looking forward to reading it!

*Mrs. Kolb*

### SPELLING

#### Core Words

**we, there, can, an, your**

These words will appear on the spelling test on Friday, please go over them with your child.

Phonics Skill:

**short vowels & consonants**

Please write me a note if your child has a problem with using the restroom frequently. We take LOTS of restroom breaks throughout the day. I generally do not let a child go in between breaks unless it is an EMERGENCY or he/she has a doctor's note.

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