

Mrs. Mehta's News

November 2018 Edition

Classroom News

Reading: Students have been "*Taking Charge of their Reading*" as they read nonfiction texts.

Word Study: Students have been practicing their Word Study words during Daily 5. Please check the homework checklist to learn when they should be prepared to take their tests. Don't forget to practice your sight words!

Writing: Students will finish their *Small Moments* stories. Before starting to write an *Opinion Review*, students will apply their punctuation knowledge during our *Punctuation Study*.

Math: Students are continuing to practice talking like a mathematician. We are will working on our *Place Value and Number Sense* unit. Check out the Math Google classroom for helpful websites and tools!

Social Studies: Second graders are learning about communities. Discuss how your childhood community was different and similar to your child's community.

Important Dates

11/5: Conferences
**Please arrive 5 minutes before your scheduled time!*

11/12: Make-up Pictures
11/21: Early Release
11/22-23: Thanksgiving Break

Birthdays!

11/17: Jemiya
11/18: Abhiram

**Reminder: Students are allowed to bring in nut-free treats. Please be sure the treats are not processed with nuts.*

Reminders

Turkey Trot: The Turkey Trot will be held on November 17th at Constable School. Register now at tinyurl.com/ConstableRun.

Book Fair: Constable PTO will run a Scholastic Book Fair in room C305 during Fall conferences Monday, November 5.

Take Home Folders & Agendas: Take Home Folders and Agendas are sent home every day. Please be sure to check your child's agenda daily.

Dismissal: If your child has any dismissal changes, please let the school know by sending a note with your child or calling the office.

Snack: Just a friendly reminder that students should bring a snack everyday to school, even on early release days.

Lunch: If you are sending lunch money with your child, please send money in an enclosed envelope, labeled with your child's name. You may also email your child's teacher so they can expect to receive money.

Notes to Teacher: If you would like to share information or have questions, please e-mail me or send in a note with your child. Please **do not** write in the agenda since I check the children's agenda in the afternoon.

Homework & Grading

Students have been receiving a homework checklist each week. Note that there are "Must-do" and optional homework assignments. Please note that **optional homework is truly optional** and should be done if you think your child struggles with the concepts learned in class. This can be determined based on classwork that the teacher has returned and quizzes your child takes. Throughout the week, your child will be bringing home many work samples in their Take Home Folders. Some of these assignments were completed in class and subsequently gone over in class as a whole group or in partners. Other assignments (both classwork and homework) will be "graded" by me. If your child receives a paper without any type of check mark, but with notes or corrections from me, your child is encouraged to make fixes so they can learn from their mistakes.

What can you do at home to help?

- Increase *self-regulation* by helping your child check over their homework and to make sure they have all of their belongings needed for school. Have your child place all their necessary materials and papers in their take home folder. Play “school” and have your child model what they will do with each item in their folder when they get to school.
- If your child needs help, ask what strategies or tools they can use to help themselves.
- Continue to build stamina by having your child read one minute more each night.
- Implement logical consequences at home and help them to understand what they can do in the future to improve their actions.

Websites

- XtraMath: Practice math facts
 - Xtramath.org
- Khan Academy: Students can practice and learn new math concepts
 - Khanacademy.org
- Story Online: Listen to books Online
 - <http://www.storylineonline.net/>
- Scholastic Book Club: Order books
 - <https://clubs2.scholastic.com/>
 - *This month I will send home Scholastic Book Club order forms along with our online ID. If you would like to order books through the catalog you may do so online. However, if you would like to send payment in, please send on or before **November 16***
 - *Our online ID is: **PBTLP***
- Typing Club: Practice typing skills
 - <https://www.typingclub.com/typing-qwerty-en.html>

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