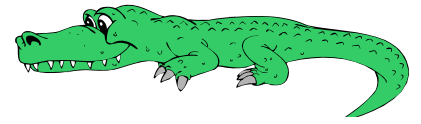


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Coming Events

September 2nd

- MCPS flyer distribution
- Grade level newsletters come home

September 5th

- Labor Day- No School for Staff, Students, and Administration

September 6th

- MCLASS testing window opens

September 7

- 6:30-8:30 Back to School Night for Preschool Education program (PEP), Kindergarten, and Grade 1 (All Purpose Room)

September 8

- 6:30-8:30 Back to School Night for grades 2-5 (Gymnasium)

September 13th

- Rocky Hill Middle School Back to School Night

September 21

- PTA sponsored Spirit Night at Chick-Fil-A (Drive through orders don't count toward profits)

September 22nd

Clarksburg High School Back to School Night

September 28

- 1:00 PM Early dismissal for students

September 29th

Rosh Hashanah-No school for students and Teachers

Reading

The first marking period jump starts the school year with skills to help improve your child's reading ability. This month we will focus on:

Independent Reading

How to choose a "just right" book for independent reading.

Reading for Literary Experience

- ❖ Making connections while reading (before, during, and after)
- ❖ Making predictions
- ❖ Story elements (character, setting, problem, and solution)
- ❖ Understanding the plot in a story
- ❖ Retelling

MClass Testing

We will be conducting MClass reading testing in our second grade classrooms beginning September 6th and ending September 30th. Testing will be administered to each individual student to ensure that students are being instructed at the appropriate level.



Spelling

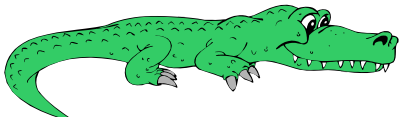
We will begin our spelling program the third week of school. This month in spelling we will begin working on spelling words with long vowel patterns, and on high frequency words.

Writing

We will begin working on writing for personal expression. This month we will explore:

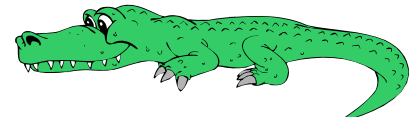
- ❖ How do writers brainstorm?
- ❖ How do writers organize their work?
- ❖ How can I create a personal topic list?
- ❖ What is a personal narrative?





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Science

For our first science unit we will explore the relationship between balance and weight.



Social Studies

We will begin learning about our roles and responsibilities in our classroom. This will help create a positive learning environment in each second grade class.



Important Notes

We would love to introduce you to our reading initiative teacher for second grade. **Carolyn Johnson** is eager to begin working with some of the students in second grade for reading.

Please notify your child's classroom teacher of any major allergies that they should be aware of.

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Thank You

We are looking forward to a very successful second grade year. Please feel free to contact us at any time with questions, comments, or concerns. We look forward to continued parent support throughout the school year.

