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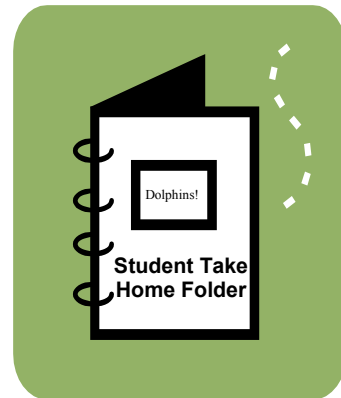
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It's hard to believe we are already half way through the first quarter! The students have been working hard and we are well into our curriculum. We are very excited to be off and running and are greatly looking forward to a successful year!



The students are showing signs of being on a good school schedule. It is very important that students get plenty of sleep and eat a good breakfast to be successful at school.

Your child's Take Home Folder is a great tool for organization! Please stay involved with your child's work, and check his/her folder daily for homework and important papers. Please ensure all graded papers are removed daily.



Tidbits

- Please remember to send in a healthy snack daily. Healthy snacks include fruit, popcorn, cheese, crackers, pretzels, granola bars, Nutri-Grain bars, and Cheez-Its.
- Please do not send in drinks, any type of yogurt, fruit cups, or any snack requiring a spoon. The above types of snacks and drinks do not permit the children to work while they are having a snack.



Dates to Remember!

- October 1st –Interims
- October 8th– Open House
- October 12th – Nutrition Field Trip
- October 19th–Teacher Convention, No School
- October 26th– Individual Pictures
- October 31st – Halloween Parade and Parties

Curriculum Highlights

Reading & Language Arts:



Second graders are continuing to work on reading for literary experience. During marking period one, students are learning about how to ask and answer questions about story structures for reading. Story structures

include main characters, setting, plot, problem, and solution. They will also compare and contrast versions of the

same story, analyze characters point of view, and identify text features.

Spelling is underway. At this time, students receive a weekly homework packet that contains spelling and language arts homework. One assignment should be returned each day of the week. In the near future, students will have their choice of a spelling assignment one night a week. Details coming soon.

Please encourage your child to read a book of their choice every night for twenty minutes.

Mathematics:

During marking period one, students will continue to count by 10's and 100's, up to 1000. They will also continue to add and subtract numbers using 10 more, 10 less, 100 more, and 100 less from a given number. The students will collect data to construct bar graphs and picture graphs. Students will learn to complete addition

Have your child get into the habit of reviewing their addition and subtraction basic facts

and subtraction situations (within 100): putting together, taking apart, and comparing.



Science

In Science, the students will continue classifying matter. Students will learn how to describe the Earth's surfaces and atmosphere by studying natural features of continents and ocean floors. We will explore the properties of water.



Social Studies

In Social Studies, students will learn about relationships among rights, responsibilities, and democratic ideas. They will also learn how organizations and leaders help the community. We will then discuss the effects of personal choices.

