



2nd News



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READING

The girls and boys final collection of lessons from their reading anthologies began this morning with a selection called **Join the Circus**.

Following were the usual vocabulary and comprehension activities to go along with the story...oh, the circus the children read about is not like any other circus they might know about as there are no animals... just an amazing group of acrobats!

Later in the week there will be another selection – **Raymond’s Best Summer**. The story is about a little boy who takes swimming lessons with his swimming test day quickly approaching! Please ask your second grader how Raymond’s test went.

Throughout the week the second graders will get to review several activities looked at earlier in *Theme Six*. Items reviewed will include phonics, comprehension, and vocabulary. There may even be a special writing project or two!

i-Pads

Wednesday will be the day that the children’s i-Pads will be collected. All photos and videos must be taken off the i-Pads by the time the children arrive at school on the 15th ...so if you wish to print/save a particular picture or project, now would be the time. It would also be great if everyone could return their screens all cleaned.

Chargers and cases will also be collected at this time. The i-Pads will be gone over and prepared for third grade over the summer.



Mrs. Forsgren and Mr. Nelson’s groups in front of the climbing wall at TNT Fitness this past Friday.

SPELLING

As this is a review week, there will be twenty-five words for the girls and boys to test on, plus many more to review.

The tested words are: **hoping, hook, moon, sky, took, riding, goo, night, light, find, room, zoo, mind, making, liked, named, fly, high, chased, using, decided, reply, teasing, school, and flight**.

As always, the second graders had their *pre-test* earlier today. Friday will be our *spelling test* time. Those scoring 100% this morning will not have to take the *spelling test*.

☀ Those that have spelled every word correctly on every *pre-test* or *test* will be given a special award next Friday at our annual award assembly.



FAREWELL

This middle week of May will be the final week of the children’s science and social studies lessons.



Please don't forget to remember should you have any saved box tops or labels to send them to school before the end of the year.

THURSDAY OR FRIDAY

In addition to this Friday afternoon's *Talent Show*...presented by all of Mrs. Gylland's classes – it begins at 1:00 in the H.S. New Gym...all are invited!, the second graders will also be presenting their own talent shows in their individual classrooms.

Classroom talent show day will be either Thursday or Friday depending on the individual homeroom.

Please look for a note to be sent home describing this way cool activity for those that wish to participate.



MATH

Just like science and social studies...math lessons will conclude by the end of this week as Topic 20...**Division Concepts and Facts** draws to a close.

Lessons looked at will include:

- Writing Division Stories
- Relating Multiplication and Division
- Make a Table and Look for a Pattern

A short quiz will follow most likely on Thursday.

LUNCH

You should have been “**instant alerted**” to this...beginning today we will not be serving extra parent lunches.



LIBRARY

Our school library will be closed from 9:00 to 11:30 through this Wednesday for the Aims Web Benchmark reading tests.

Children will still be able to exchange books before 9:00 and again in the afternoon (time permitting). The library will *close for the school year* on Thursday. All books need to returned either this Thursday, or at the latest Friday. Notes for overdue books will be sent home at the end of this week.

Next week all will be going to the **AR STORE** either on Tuesday of Wednesday. Girls and boys can continue to read for AR points to help reach their goals through **May 23rd**, but any points earned after your son or daughter's class goes to the AR store will not be able to be *spent*.

CLASSROOM REQUESTS

Requests to have your son or daughter placed in a particular classroom for next year need to be completed by the end of school tomorrow. Please call Mrs. Ullrich, in our school office, to set up an appointment with Mr. Henrickson.

ART

A very nifty lesson in *pointillism* is in store for some fortunate second graders!



75 POINTS

☀ Those children earning 75 *Accelerated Reader* points will be given a special award at this year's Awards Assembly...next Friday...in our gym... beginning at 8:45.

AS ALWAYS

Let us just say it will be very busy with just the *usual things*...and *as always* all can surely expect a surprise or two!

All are invited to next Monday's Track and Field Day. Activities will begin around 12:30 on the football field. Please come for a fun afternoon and to cheer the children on as they participate in some activities set up by Coach Kalkbrenner.