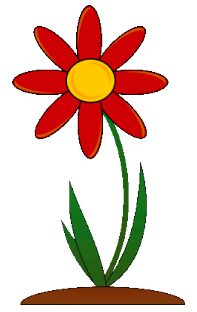


# Ms. St. John's Classroom News



## April 2011

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- **Homework** is sent home Mondays through Thursdays and is due the next day.
- Your child should be **reading for at least 20 minutes** every night.
- **Weekly reading logs** are sent home on Mondays and due on Fridays signed by a parent.
- Please **practice math facts** and **spelling words every night** with your child.

### CLASS WORK:

**Math:** Last week we finished our unit on fractions. We are starting a new unit on place value (ones, tens, hundreds). Part of daily class work will include working on writing numbers to 1,000. Students will start having weekly timed tests for addition and subtraction facts. Each time students master both addition and subtraction for a set of numbers they will earn a part of an ice cream sundae (see back). At the end of year we will celebrate our progress. Please continue to practice double digit addition and subtraction, time, and money with your children.

**Reading:** As we finish up the year our focus for reading will be realistic fiction books. The stories will include The Art Lesson, Moses Goes to a Concert, and the School Mural. Every Monday the stories being read in class are sent home, **they are due back on Fridays signed by a parent.**

**Writing:** Students animal reports are still hanging up in the hallway. Soon there will a poetry tree in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade hallway displaying all of the pomes from second graders. We have started personal narratives and writing to a prompt.

**Social Studies:** We are still working on the history of Flint. After completing the history unit we will switch our focus to science.

**Spelling/Vocabulary:** Every week there are new spelling and vocabulary words, the tests are every Friday. Students should practice these every night.

**PARENT CONFERENCES:** Tuesday April 19 at 3-6pm were conferences. Thank you to those parents who came. It's always nice to learn more about your child and hear your input on their progress. If you have not been able to come pick up your child's report card please come in any day after school to check on your child's progress.

**ABSENCES:** There are many students that are frequently absent and/or tardy. It is crucial that your child be in school every day in order to be successful and make the necessary progress. If your child is absent due to sickness or doctor's appointments please send in a note so the absence can be excused. When your child is absent they are required to make up the work from the school and it should be returned promptly. All make up work is in the child's cubby the day they return to school.



**3 BE'S:** Please remind your child that they should be following the 3 BE's at all times, in the classroom, hallway, bathroom, lunch room and playground.

**OUTDOOR RECESS:** Even though it is May there are still cold and chilly days. Please be sure your child comes to school every day with a coat and remind them to wear their coat at recess.

**THANK YOU THANK YOU:** Thank you to everyone that sent in treats and candy for the spring/Easter celebration. The students really enjoyed all their goodies!

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## Math Facts are Delicious

When you master a number set of both your addition and subtraction facts you earn parts to an ICE CREAM SUNDAE! We will celebrate progress at the end of year.

0's = bowl, 1's = napkin, 2's = spoon,  
3's = ice cream, 4's = chocolate syrup, 5's =  
caramel sauce, 6's = brownie, 7's = whipped  
cream, 8's = chocolate chips, 9's = sprinkles

