



**NEWSLETTER FOR  
AUGUST 30, 2010**

# The Happenings in Second Grade

**READING/SOCIAL STUDIES:** We are continuing to explore beginning, middle, and end as we travel through different books in reading. Ask your child who Alberto the Scientist is or what Henry and Mudge did for fun this week! In social studies we are beginning to touch on map skills as students become familiar with a compass rose and how to use a map.

**MATH:** Place value continues to be the topic in math as we use connecting cubes throughout the week to make our way through the tens and ones places. Students are learning and practicing the various ways that numbers are represented as well as how to build and compare them.

## SCIENCE

Science has rolled right along with our first experiments happening this week! Students were able to see what happened when you mix oil, water, and rubbing alcohol on one day, and the next day they were exploring force and weight. Getting them excited about learning and experimenting is the key in science this week!

## WRITING

Writing workshop has begun this week as we work with our students to get them motivated to write! Tours around the school were taken to show students all the fun and different ways that writing is used in school. Students also began sketching and drafting their first writing projects—ask them what they are writing about!!!! Consonant blends are also examined as students practice finding words that begin with PR, CR, GR, DR, BR, TR, and FR. Help your children find these words at home and practice blending the sounds together as they examine the spelling patterns.

### Important Dates:

Aug 31—Band of Brothers/Circle of Sisters Meeting @ 6:30

Sep 2—Fundraiser kick-off at GMB

Sep 2—Curriculum Night  
6:30-7:00 K-2  
7:15-7:45 3-5

Sep 6—no school

Sep 13-17—Book fair in the library

Sep 16—PTA fundraiser deadline

Sep 16—PTA meeting

Sep 17—PTA show for kinder/1st

Sep 24—Chili Challenge @ Pizza Hut Park

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- ◆ Need an Energy Boost, including foods with B vitamins just might do the trick. B Vitamins help your body release energy from the foods you eat. Whole grain breads and cereal are important sources of B vitamins.
- ◆ The American Heart Association has amended its guidelines on eggs! There is “no longer a specific recommendation on the number of egg yolks a person may consume in a week”.