

November Newsletter 2013

Lest We Forget Grade 2H and 2T



Harkins Elementary Remembrance Day Program will be held on Thursday November 7, 9:30 am in the gym. All parents are welcome.

Our special guests –The Peace Keepers will be with us.

All the Grade 2 students will be singing “Just One Candle”. They really sound good in practice, we hope you can come see them. It is also a great time to honor the vets.

Two students from each class will lay a wreath at the ceremony.

A Few Reminders:

Please be reminded that a signed excuse is required for each absence that a student incurs. Even though we may be aware of the reason for a student’s absence, policy dictates that we must have on file written documentation explaining the reason for each absence. Also please note that the new district attendance policy mandates a phone call home after five absences to make parents aware that the number of days missed is climbing. In order for students to receive a Perfect Attendance Award each month they must be at school each day with no late days or missing time leaving for appointments.

Please make sure your child is dressed for the weather!!

We will continue to go outside whenever possible. Students should have proper attire: coats, mittens, boots, hats etc. It is a good idea to pack extra mittens and socks in case the ones they are wearing get wet.

Math: Grade two is presently working on “Patterns” in Math. Repeating, Growing, Finding the Core, Using different attributes and Modes. They are working with manipulatives daily and transferring their knowledge to pencil and paper sheets. We also use websites to test their knowledge of patterns. We are reviewing doubles and how to use them to get other unknown facts. For example use $7 + 7 = 14$ to help do $7 + 6$ and $7 + 8$.

Report Cards will be going out on Tuesday November 19, 2012. Parent Teacher will be held Thursday November 21 4:00-6:00 and on Friday November 22 from 9:00-12:00.



Language Arts: Students are showing improvement in their reading and comprehension. Daily 5 activities are going well. We encourage you to read with your child each night as this an important factor in improving your child’s learning.

Writing stories is a very important part of the grade 2 curriculum. We are trying to foster independence and writing stories that are non-fiction. If they write about what they know they can then add the interesting details needed.

Students are encouraged to use the word wall when writing to spell words correctly. We will be adding words to the word wall as the year progresses.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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4	5	6	7 Mad Science	8 Food Bank Crazy Hair
11 No School	12	13	14 Mad Science	15 Food Bank School colors
18	19 Reports Go Home	20	21 Meet the Teacher 4:00-6:00	22 Parent Teacher 9:00-12:00
25	26	27	28 Mad Science	29 Food Bank Backwards Day