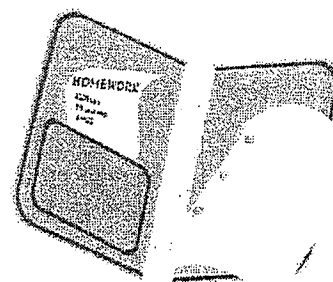


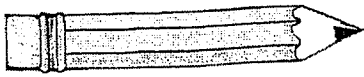
Student Numbers

Each child has been assigned a student number for our classroom use based on where he/she appears in alphabetical order on our class roster. The students will be asked to place this number beside their name on all assignments. Student mailboxes, textbooks, etc. will be assigned according to this classroom number. This number is used to help keep our classroom organized and make things run much smoother.



Homework Folders

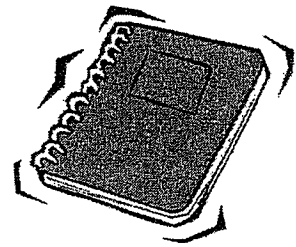
Each student has been given a special two pocket folder which will be his/her "Homework Folder" for the entire year. Please check your child's backpack EACH EVENING, as this folder will be sent home daily. All homework and important communication from the school will be sent home in this folder. After completing homework assignments, please be sure that the assignments, notes, etc. are placed back in the folder and that the folder is returned to school the next day. I will load the students' folders each afternoon and then check them again the next morning. If all homework has been **COMPLETED AND RETURNED**, your child will be able to take a turn playing the "Homeworkopoly" game. This system helps to eliminate lost or forgotten homework & notes. It also ensures that you are aware of your child's homework assignments.



ASSIGNMENT SHEETS

An assignment sheet will be sent home in the Homework Folder each day. I will include on the assignment sheet, all assignments, those which were completed in class and those which are to be completed at home that evening. Any subject which your child has homework in for that evening, will be circled in RED. When your child has finished his/her homework for the evening, please sign the assignment sheet and place it back in the folder. This will let me know that you are aware of all of your child's homework and classwork and also insure that all homework is completed.

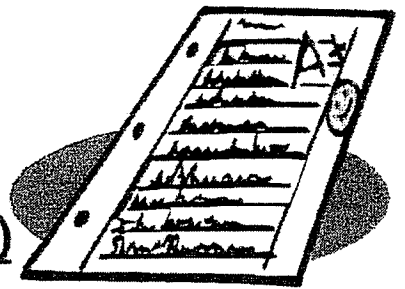
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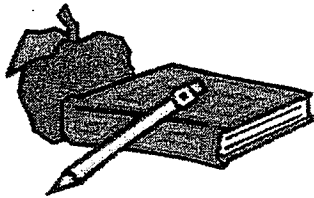
Homework will be sent home daily. Please check your child's assignment sheet each evening. Homework assignments should be completed and any notes which require a signature should be signed.

Please remember - parental guidance is encouraged when children bring home a homework assignment. However, a parent doing the assignment for the child is not acceptable and in the end will only hurt the child. Assignments are to be done in the child's handwriting.

"MAIL FOLDERS" (GRADED PAPER FOLDERS)

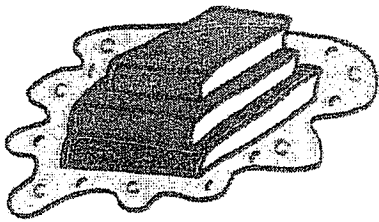


On the first day of each week, I will be sending home a folder of papers which I have graded from the previous week. On the inside of the folder, you will find a sheet which has a place for your signature and a place for comments. Please look over your child's work and sign the sheet to let me know that you have seen your child's work. You may also write any comments or concerns in the comment section. Please return this folder the following day. This will help to keep you updated on your child's academic progress.



ATTENDANCE

Good attendance plays a key role in your child's success in school. It is the responsibility of the child, the parents, & the school to ensure this success. In the event that your child should be absent for any reason, please make arrangements to pick up homework or have it sent home with a sibling or another student. You may call & leave a message with the secretary as to how you wish to get the homework. If you know in advance that your child will be absent, please send a note and I will arrange to send the homework home the day before. Second graders cover a lot of material each day & it is very easy for them to fall behind. Therefore, keeping caught up with homework is very important & beneficial for your child.



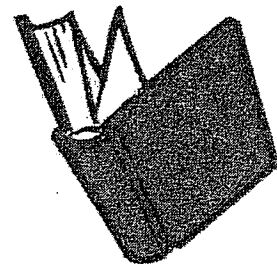
ACCELERATED READER

This year your child will begin participating in the Accelerated Reader program. In this program, the children check out books from the library which are at their reading level. They read them (at least 2 times) and then take a 5-10 question multiple-choice test on their comprehension of that book on the computer. If the child passes the test, the computer awards a certain number of points to that child.

Each child will have a quarterly goal, set by their teacher, of how many points they are expected to earn. If the student meets their goal, they will be rewarded with a special "reward day" at the end of the quarter. This program will run through the entire school year.

The students seem to really enjoy Accelerated Reader. Children who read a lot and test frequently can and will dramatically improve their reading ability & comprehension of text. I highly encourage YOU to encourage YOUR CHILD to READ, READ, READ those AR books!!

BOOK ORDERS



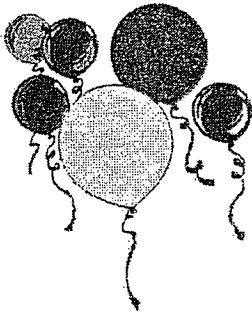
Scholastic book orders will be sent home about every month. I will normally send home 2 different fliers so that you have more selection to choose from. If you choose to order, you may send a check written to Scholastic, or online ordering is also available. Please send the completed order form and payment in an envelope with your child's name and "Book Order" printed on the front.



PIZZA HUT BOOK-IT



We will begin the Book-It program on October 1 and it will continue through March 31. Each child will need to pass 8 AR tests in a month to earn their FREE PIZZA. They will have a "pizza sheet" which is kept in the classroom. When a test is passed, the child will color a "slice" on their pizza sheet. When the pizza is completely colored, I will give them a certificate for a FREE PIZZA from Pizza Hut!!



BIRTHDAY TREATS



A child's birthday is an important event in their life. Therefore, we will honor each child in the class on his/her special day. We will celebrate summer birthdays in the month of May by designating an "unbirthday" day for each summer birthday child. Many children enjoy bringing treats to share with the class for their birthday. I am more than happy to let them do this. If you choose to send treats for your child's birthday, please drop them off in the office, and the secretary will see to it that we receive them. Birthday treats are worked in as time allows during the day. **Please remember that snacks must be store bought and easy to distribute.