

# Weekly Update From

## Ms. Reed's Class



**September 2, 2019**

Good evening,

I hope everyone had a nice, long weekend. We had a great first week. Our class has already earned 75 total tickets! They are hard workers and we are all getting to know each other and build our class community. A big thank you to all of you parents as well! Thank you for your kind words and being so generous with supplies and Wish List items. I could not ask for a better start.

### **Curriculum for the Week**

This week we will be getting started with all of our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade curriculum. In math, we will be practicing telling whether numbers are even or odd. In EL (our reading and writing program) we will be learning about what schools are and why they are important. For our Letterland unit, we will be reviewing short vowel sounds in one syllable words. For social studies unit, we will be learning about good citizenship.

### **Homework**

Our homework begins in earnest this week. In your child's Homework Folder, you will find a sheet that outlines the homework for September. Please keep homework papers in the Homework Folders. I will pull out all homework on Friday and replace with papers

that will be needed for the next week. The homework notebook can be used for any homework that doesn't have its own sheet. Please label each page that your child uses in the notebook with the date, so I can tell what each page goes with.

If you have any questions about homework assignments, please feel free to text me through talkingpoints or email me at [jreed@wcpss.net](mailto:jreed@wcpss.net).

If your child is really struggling with an assignment, have them stop after 15-20 min of trying and send me a message or note. I will go over it with them the next day. The goal is to make homework a time to practice what we are doing at school without tears (for kids AND parents 😊).

### **Letterland (Spelling)**

We will be starting our first Letterland unit this week. This first unit is just first grade words and designed to help students get back into the swing of the Letterland lessons, homework and spelling test. Research has shown that learning phonics using a system like Letterland is extremely important to helping students be better readers and writers and spellers. As we go through each unit, please help your child work on the phonics rules instead of just memorizing the words each week. I will tell you each week what those phonics rules are, but if you are not sure or don't understand, please feel free to message me. Phonics has taken a back seat in reading education for a long time and you may not have been taught these rules yourself. I am happy to help you so you can help your child. Most weeks, our spelling test will be on Friday, but there may be weeks

where we need to wait until we get to the next week so we get all of our lessons in. I will let you know as we go in this update each week.

### **Rain Gear**

It is looking like we will get some rain this week. We will be walking outside to get to lunch and specials every day, rain or shine. I would suggest that all students keep a rain jacket or poncho at school in his or her cubby or backpack. Please do not send umbrellas. They can blow away in wind and can be hard to deal with in large groups. You may also want to have your child keep an extra pair of shoes and socks in his or her backpack. There are lots of puddles on the sidewalks when it rains. We have been lucky so far, but we will definitely get wet at some point!

### **Water Bottle**

Just a reminder that students can bring in a water bottle as long as it has just plain water in it to drink in the classroom. They can also take these water bottles outside at recess.

**I am looking forward to another great week with this wonderful group!**

**Ms. Reed**