

# Read All About It!

Ms. Reed's 2nd Grade Newsletter - 8/25/11

## Welcome Back!

### Upcoming Dates

**September 5:**  
Labor Day  
NO SCHOOL

**September 16 & 19:**  
NO SCHOOL

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### THURSDAY FOLDERS

Please **return** your child's Thursday Folder on Friday.



More about our **classroom website** in the next newsletter

### Remember:

- Read with your child 20 minutes each night. That can include having your child read to a family member.
- **Homework** is sent out with your Thursday Folder and is due the next Thursday.

Spelling: **ON THE BACK** of this newsletter, you will find the Spelling List for the following week and a practice sheet will be included in your child's Thursday folder. We will work on these during our Skills block, too. The Spelling words may seem easy, but this helps students take apart words and listen to the individual sounds. Taking apart words and putting them back together again is a skill we will use all year to learn new words with multiple syllables. Tomorrow's test is our first and it is only for practice.

Math: I'll send home a letter before we start each unit. These letters preview the skills that we will study and include tips for helping your child with his/her homework.

Writing: To start the year, we will be writing about "small moments." We will learn how to take one thing that happened during your child's day and "paint a picture of it with words" using details. We are learning – "What we think, we can say and what we say, we can write." Help your child identify "small moments" for writing.

Reading: We are making text-to-self connections as we talk about the books we are reading. Your child will start reading in small groups in the next couple of weeks.

Social Studies: We have been learning about power and authority as we set up our classroom rules. Our Science supplies should arrive in the next couple of weeks and then we will start our new Science unit on Plants. There will be more about that in the next newsletter.

Please contact me with any questions at [Carol\\_Reed@dpsk12.org](mailto:Carol_Reed@dpsk12.org).

## Spelling List: Short e, Short o, and Short u

wet

help

Review

job

plum

get

hug

got

rest

said

of

spot

mud

just

does

Challenge

puddle

helmet

These are Memory Words.

Our next Spelling Test will be on **Friday, September 2, 2011**. Please help your child review the 12 words with short e, short o, and short u. We will be working on them in class, too. All of these words will be on the test. The Review and Challenge Words are optional. If students want to try these, they can. It is not required. Thanks for your help.

## Specials Schedule

Below is the schedule that our class will follow next week – August 29<sup>th</sup> through September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Library	Library	Library	<b>PE</b>	<b>PE</b>

Please remember to have your child **wear gym shoes** on the days he/she has **PE**.



Students **MUST** wear these shoes all day. We **DON'T** have time to change shoes!!



### \*\*\*\*\* IMPORTANT NEWS \*\*\*\*\*

Ms. Christie Earnest, an intern teacher from UCD, will be with us until the Thanksgiving Break. We're lucky to have another trained adult as a part of our instructional team! Please welcome her.