News from Ms. Holland’s 2nd grade

Oct. 6, 2017

**Important Dates:**

**Oct. 20**- Early Release

**Oct. 26**- Field Trip- Greensboro Science Center

**Oct. 31**- Teacher Workday

**Nov. 10**- Veteran’s Day Holiday

**Reminders:**

 **Field Trip:** Please be sure to send me a check or pay online for the field trip by Oct. 23rd. Thank you!

 **Absences:** If your child is absent from school, I need a note when he or she returns. Otherwise, I must mark it as unexcused. Please note that family trips are not excused unless an educational absence form is filled out and approved by Mr. Cohen.

 **Interims:** A note about interims is in the Friday folder along with your child’s mClass scores and home connect letter. You will find helpful tips for working with you child at home. Please let me know if you have any questions.

 **Letterland:** Please practice these words nightly. It is the expectation that after a word has been on our letterland list, it is spelled correctly in writing. This includes tricky words!

 **This week in class:**

**Reader’s Workshop**: We worked on how to tackle tricky words this week while reading. Please see the back of the newsletter for tricks to try at home when your reader becomes stuck on a word. Remember to go back and smooth out reading after tackling a tricky word!

**Writing Workshop**: This week, we learned how to write grabbing beginnings and exciting endings. We also studied the ways authors write such as, bold words, using ellipses, and exciting punctuation. We tried to use some of their craft moves in our writing.

**Math:** We had a short assessment on place value on Monday. The rest of the week was spent on how to prove odd or even numbers and problem solving.

**Science:** We are continued our unit on matter by learning about solids this week. We changed a solid to a liquid and wrote about it by making a claim and supporting our findings with evidence.

Have a wonderful and restful weekend!