

September 7, 2018

Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for joining us for our curriculum chat last night. If you were unable to join us, we understand and have attached the PowerPoint we discussed for your reference.

Below are the parking lot questions with answers☺

Q: Will you be doing calculator club? It was done last year.

A: OA2.2 Fluently adding and subtracting within 20 is an ongoing standard in 2nd grade. We would like for students to leave 2nd grade being able to add and subtract within 20 using mental math strategies quickly and efficiently (without using fingers). As we discussed at curriculum chat, this is one of those standards we will report on quarterly, but we do not expect students to be able to have this skill mastered in the first quarter. Each teacher will be assessing this standard through timed tests, and informal fact strategy checks, however how each teacher chooses to celebrate/reward these milestones along the way may look a little different in each classroom based on teacher preference.

Q: Why no more HFW (high frequency words)? Kids could use these for practice.

A: You may have noticed we did not send home high frequency words the past two weeks; that is because HFW's are skill that students should have mastered in 1st grade. Our standards/report cards have changed a little this school year to reflect the rigor and higher expectations of students in 2nd grade, therefore no longer reporting on HFW each quarter. For that reason we will just work on HFW's in class on an as needs basis...one less thing for you to worry about when it comes to homework☺.

Q: What can students do with their Hawk Bucks?

A: This year in lieu of using LiveSchool points for rewards, students are earning Hawk Bucks for good behavior and loving it! These Hawk Bucks can be used on the 2nd Monday of the month for a treat (2 Hawk Bucks). On the 4th Monday of the month students will have an opportunity to use these bucks at the Hawk Store (school supply items and prizes can be purchased for 1-10 Hawk Bucks). In addition students will have the opportunity to participate in a fun quarterly reward for 25 hawk Bucks! They are really enjoying earning these Hawk Bucks, and a lucky few have even earned the Golden Hawk Buck...worth \$2!!!!

Thank you again for your participation and involvement in working with us to help your child succeed in 2nd grade and beyond. As always please reach out to your teacher with any classroom specific questions.

Sincerely,

The 2nd grade team