

Dear Room 11 Parents,

I look forward to spending time with each of you to dialogue about your child's progress. Just a reminder that the children are released at 1:45 pm every day for the next two weeks. Reminder: if you change your time, please cancel the old time so that others can use that slot. Thanks!

Monday afternoon, you will find the homework packet for November, along with the Scholastic Books order form. The two math games for this month are Make Ten and Five-In-A-Row. You will also find a word scramble game with directions to spell words by putting together the letters, which your child will cut out. This activity will reinforce sounds, blends, word families, spelling and vocabulary. Have fun!

At home this month, please continue to play various math games that reinforce combinations of numbers up to 10. Knowing these combinations for addition and subtraction up to 10 without using fingers is a target skill for 2nd grade. The homework games are on my website for practice at home: Make 10, Roll & Record Addition, Five-In-A-Row Addition, Heads & Tails, etc.

We are now moving into addition past 10 and up to 20. The students need to develop a knowledge base of combinations to 10 to be most successful. We will also begin to formally teach subtraction strategies up to 10.

Also, please continue to drill doubles at home, particularly past 5 + 5. The students need to know their doubles equations and recall them quickly and with mastery. For example: 7 + 7, 8 + 8, etc. Doubles is an important strategy for getting past 10 into the next decade. The related strategy is "near doubles", for example: 6+7 (same as 6+6+1). Here is a fun little song about double 6 through 10 on YouTube: [Adding Doubles Song](#)

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Thank you all very much!

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Volunteers This Week

M	Garden 9:55-10:50	Leigha Heydt & Alison Littman
W	Library 9:55-10:50	Katie Fort
TH	Art 9:55-10:50 (whole class)	Claire Macmillan & Juliette Bartlett

On the Calendar

Mon., Nov. 5	Character Assembly - 1st Gr. presents "Fairness" - wear ORANGE
Nov. 5-16	Teacher/Parent Conferences - 1:45 early release daily
Fri., Nov. 9	Outdoor Movie Night - 6:00 show
Mon., Nov. 12	No School - Veteran's Day
Nov. 19-23	No School - Thanksgiving Week

Sight Words: into, more, two, him, time