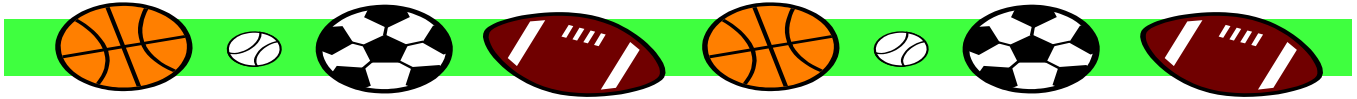


Team Brackett News



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Week 6

Busy, busy, that's what we've been. Over the past several weeks we have been reviewing many of the skills that were covered in kindergarten.

These include counting groups and reviewing letter sounds. What you need to know about our new routines:

Spelling - each Monday we will get a new list of 10 spelling words. We will work on the words during the week and have a test on Fridays. If your child gets 5 or less words correct on the test, I ask that you sign the test and return it so I am sure you have seen it.

Handwriting - We are doing a lot of handwriting review. I am very particular about handwriting. It seems like a minor thing, but proper letter formation leads to more fluent writing and also makes it easier for other to read their writing.

Reading - This week we will formally begin our new reading program, Success For All. This program allows for ALL students to be taught in a small group setting. The entire school will be teaching reading at the same time. Students will be grouped according to their ability level. So, at reading time,

they may be traveling to another classroom to learn with students of similar ability who may or may not be in our class.

Math - After reviewing skills learned in kindergarten we have been learning about basic addition and writing number sentences.

Science - Students will spend time learning about the characteristics of living and non-living objects. We will go on a walk around the school to look for examples of each and explore their properties in class.

Social Studies - We are learning about the people in our families and how families are the same and different.

Homework - Each Monday I will send home a homework sheet for the week.

Homework will consist of spelling practice, special projects and reading practice. Please sign the sheet each day as homework is completed. Students should keep the homework sheet in their folders and bring it to school each day along with the assignments to turn in.

Water Bottles

During the day we work very hard. We do not have a drinking fountain in our classroom.

So I allow students to bring a water bottle to school to keep at their desk for when they get thirsty. The bottle **MUST** have a sports top (pops up and down), not a screw off top. It can only have water in it, not juice, Gatorade or any other liquid. It is the student's responsibility to take the bottle home at night for proper cleaning.



Text Messages

Don't forget to sign up for text message reminders. Follow the directions below.

Grab Your Phone!

Tell students & parents to grab their phones and follow the steps below to sign up for your Team Brackett Fall 2013 messages.

To: (586) 697-3946

Message: @teambrc