

**KENSTON**

*Timmons*  
Elementary School

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Monthly News

Mrs. Kyker's Classroom

October 2023



### Important Dates

- 10/4– School Pictures
- 10/12– End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter
- 10/13– No School for students; Teacher Workday
- 10/20– Report Cards posted on Infinite Campus at 3:30pm
- 10/26– Conferences 3:30–8pm
- 10/28– Scholastic Book Orders Due
- 10/31– Fall Festival Parties 1:00–2:00pm
- 11/2– Conferences 3:30–8pm

### F.Y.I.

\*Progress reports went home in your child's folder on September 15. Please review behaviors with your child. Then sign and return the top page to school.

\*Dismissal- If you child is a car rider, please remember that students are doing academics until 3:10pm. We pack up our book bags from 3:10-3:20pm. If you are picking up your child before 3:10pm, they are likely missing out on a few minutes of classwork.

\*You may notice there is no "spelling grade" on the report card. *Spelling* tests scores are factored into the English grade.

\* When choosing a Halloween costume, please remember that it should be something that can be easily put on over your child's regular clothing.

\*Our PTO room mothers are: Mrs. Tohme and Mrs. Huffman.

\* Some children in our class have allergies to the following foods: dairy, gluten. Please keep that in mind before sending in food for our Fall Festival party (and other future events).

\* Sight word spelling idea- you can enter your child's *sight word spelling* words each week into an iPad app called "Spelling Test"

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/my-spelling-test/id421083384?mt=8>

so your child can practice his/her words. Another resource is "Spelling City"

<http://www.spellingcity.com> which allows a parent to

type in the *sight word spelling list* and then the child can play games such as hangman, unscramble them etc... all for free.

### Reminders

\*If you have not signed up for a conference with me, please go to this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0948AAAF23A2FD0-44351159-parentteacher>

\*Please empty your child's folder daily. This will help your child to stay organized, and will keep you up-to-date on what is happening in the classroom.

\*Please remember that students may not wear shorts to school unless the temperature is 70 degrees or above.

\*To purchase books from Scholastic go to <http://clubs.scholastic.com> and enter this access code: HYRQX

\* School lunch menus for each month are posted on the website.

<https://www.myschoolmenus.com/organizations/1304/sites/9872/menus/41801>

\* Absences- If you happen to know of a day that your child will be absent in advance, it is helpful to me to also know in advance. If time allows I can give the child the missed work *prior* to the date of absence.

\*Please help your child memorize his/her pin #. It will be used in the cafeteria and the computer lab.

### \*Did you know...

---Reading aloud at home, going to the local library, and storytelling are directly related to later success in school, and attitude toward reading.

---Research indicates that strong benefits to student health, creativity, and social skills are linked to time spent interacting with the ***natural environment***.

### Looking for donations:

-2 spare pair of headphones to use with student Chromebooks.

-1 pack of subtraction facts (0-18 or 11-18)

-box of standard size band-aids

-book: In The Woods: Who's Been Here by Lindsay Barrett George

-book: In The Garden: Who's Been Here by Lindsay Barrett George

-book: In The Snow: Who's Been Here by Lindsay Barrett George  
 -book: The Marshmallow Incident by Judi Barrett  
 -book: Pickles to Pittsburg by Judi Barrett  
 -If you have any used "Fly Guy" or "Dinosaur Cove" books at home, you may consider donating them to our classroom library. We are looking to increase our collection.

### Academics at a Glance

**Language Arts:** Read with accuracy, fluency & comprehension; Character Traits, write with correct conventions; write narrative pieces

**Math:** Place Value; addition facts

**Social Studies:** Citizenship

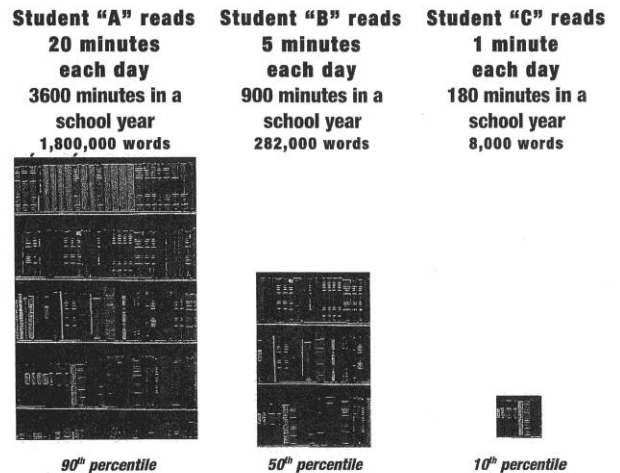
**Science:** Living Things

### Thought of the Month...

*"Worry is the senseless process of using today to clutter up tomorrow's opportunities with left over problems from yesterday."*



## Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?



By the end of 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)