



OUR CLASS Newsletter

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From:

Mrs. Huneycutt's Class
Crozet Elementary
Grade 2

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This just in...

A MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHER

Hello parents! This is the first issue of our weekly newsletter. Here you will find information on the previous week's curriculum, upcoming events and assignments, and other notes and reminders.

Most newsletters are one page, but several newsletters will contain a second page like this one.

Scroll to the second page to see this week's feature articles about weekly reading, an offer from Comcast for free internet access, and information about counseling services at Crozet.

This week we spent time getting to know each other and learning classroom routines as well as jumping into class read a louds, independent reading and math. We logged onto the i-pads and tried out some new apps and math subscriptions. A big highlight was checking out the new playground! We can't wait for next week!

LAST WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Reading: read a louds *First Day Jitters*, *It's OK to Be Different*, *I Like Myself*, *McDuff Moves In*, *Poppleton*, *Interrupting Chicken*, *Going Places*

Writing: *First Day Feelings*, *All About Me* pennants, Learning Style Flower Glyphs and writing, *My Favorite Day of the Week*, *If I Could Have Any Pet*

Math: intro to connecting cubes, pattern blocks, and number lines, daily graphing, tally marks and making bar graphs, *Guess My Number* on the number line, intro to *ST Math* and *Reflex*

SS: Morning Meeting routines and classroom expectations, getting to know each other activities

Other Fun Stuff: Technology orientation and digital citizenship lesson with tech specialist Mr. Squires,

STEM: Marshmallow Tower Challenge

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NEXT WEEK'S HOMEWORK

Mon: **Mystery Bag** Assignment

(Sent home in Friday's Orange Folder)

Read 15 minutes

Tue: Read 15 minutes

Wed: Read 15 minutes

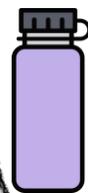
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Reminders

PE: Tue. Wed. Thur. Fri.

Library Book Check Out: Mondays

Return all library books Monday morning!



Remember to send a water bottle each day! Water fountains are turned off, but water bottle filling stations are open.



Important Dates:

Sept 6 Labor Day- No School

Sept 13 PTO Meeting 6:30 pm

Sept 15 All Grades Meet Up @

Kings Family Vineyards

Sept 23 Back to School Night

Sept 27 Teacher Work Day

No School for Students



MORE NEWS FROM OUR CLASS...

Weekly Reading for Mrs. Huneycutt's Class

Second grade students are expected to read each night for homework Monday through Thursday. A beginning suggested goal is 15 minutes a night. If your child is a reluctant reader, or if they don't already have a regular time set aside for reading, you might start with 10 minutes a night and gradually increase this over time. If your child is an avid reader and is already reading 30 minutes or more a night, keep it up!

This year a Weekly Reading Log will NOT be sent home. Due to COVID concerns, we are trying to minimize the number of papers going home and coming back to school. Given this, students will be trusted to complete the reading on their own.

WHAT READING MATERIAL SHOULD BE USED?

Any reading that interests the child can be used. A variety is encouraged. This includes:

chapter books cereal boxes short stories magazines fiction
picture books comics fluency passages graphic novels nonfiction

Reading on the Internet is allowed if reading is the main objective of the site. **Being read to and reading to a younger child also counts as reading time.** Although 2nd graders are able to read more and more on their own, they also benefit from and enjoy being read to by someone else.

HOW CAN PARENTS HELP?

- 1) Set aside a time for your child to read. It can be helpful if the time is consistent. This can be right after they get home from school, while you make dinner, on the way to a sports game or practice, or right before bed.
- 2) Make sure your child is reading appropriate level material. If they are reading silently by themselves, the material should be easy to read with little or no help. If you are reading to them or taking turns reading, then harder material is OK.
- 3) Discourage your child from watching the clock and limiting their reading time to their goal. If this is happening have them read a book or a number of pages, then tell them how long they have read.



Thanks for helping your child become a stronger reader!



Albemarle County Public Schools is partnering with Comcast Xfinity to offer their high speed Internet Essentials package to qualifying ACPS families at no cost to them. Interested families can contact Ms. Crummie at gcrummie@k12albemarle.org for a promo code.

For more information, please see the flyer at the following website:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1307PQEYR_3ZoNjubc0Y4GDByb9vsGg-w/view



During the year our guidance counselor, Mrs. Heppner, will work with all second grade classes once a month with a series of guidance lessons geared just for 2nd grade.

The guidance counselor is also available for individual or small group counseling. If you feel your child could benefit from counseling, you can send a note to me with your concerns, contact the guidance counselor through the office, [or click here for Ms. Heppner's webpage.](#)



At Mrs. Heppner's website you can:

- schedule a parent appointment
- see a listing of community mental health resources
- access the virtual office for kids
- get help with food and clothing
- access parent resources

