

News from Cabin 19

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We have had fun with our 2nd grade weather unit. We learned that hurricanes are named in alphabetical order and that wind speed determines the category. The class also learned how radar helps forecasters predict storm paths and helps them monitor amounts of rain. We had been following Hurricane Dorain as it nears Florida and will continue to visit the National Hurricane Center online to learn how storms are monitored. Since we live in a desert, we also discussed how heavy rainfall during our monsoon is difficult for the ground to absorb quickly and that is what causes areas to flood.

Upcoming Events:

- 8/30 - Rubio's Fundraiser Night - we get 30% back! Ray and Rural location
- 9/2- No School - Labor Day
- 9/4 - Peter Piper Pizza Fundraiser Night
- 9/5 - School Pictures - order forms came home today in Friday envelopes
- 9/6 - PTO Read-a-thon Fundraiser kicks off!

Spelling List of the Week: List 4

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| 1. stamp | 6. pass | 11. cloud | 16. hopping |
| 2. light | 7. shut | 12. draw | 17. hop |
| 3. coming | 8. easy | 13. drink | 18. knife |
| 4. come | 9. ease | 14. garden | 19. mouth |
| 5. night | 10. bone | 15. goose | 20. oak |

A Look at What We're Doing in Class

Reading: Harcourt Story: Henry and Mudge

Focus Skill: Narrative Elements: setting

Grammar: Exclamation points vs periods (exclamatory vs declarative sentences)

Writing: Topic sentences vs detail sentences

Math: Place value, problem solving using story problems, expanded notation, time to the hour, money, odd and even numbers, fractions (equal parts), polygons

Science: Weather: hurricanes and tracking storms using radar

Social Studies: Ancient civilizations



A few changes have been made to the dress code at KTA. In addition to solid red, white, or blue jackets, students may now also wear solid black jackets in the building. Socks are

supposed to be solid white, blue or red as well but they have added that solid black socks are now allowed too.



Spotlight on Math Facts

One of the second grade math standards under Operations and Algebraic Thinking is "adding and subtracting fluently within 20". This

means that your child will need to be able to add and subtract math facts in their head quickly and accurately by the end of the year. Most days we do a timed math fact warm-up followed by occasional timed assessment on Fridays. At this time of the year, your child is given two minutes on the assessments to complete 25 math facts correctly.

Practicing math facts that come home through the week is a great way to help your child become fluent in addition/subtraction/multiplication. The better they are at basic math facts, the less apt they will be to make computational errors when completing math assignments or assessments. Making flash cards is one way to practice. On our class website, there are links to some sites that provide games for your child to use to practice these facts. FunBrain Baseball and Hidden Pictures are a couple that you can use.

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