



Eye Spy Newsletter

Sept. 17, 2009

Thanks, students and parents, for working on getting that homework turned in! Most students seem to be settling into a good homework routine. Remember, math homework is due Tuesday through Friday, and spelling homework is only due on Thursdays. If you cannot access the spelling list on spellingcity.com, please just have your student write each word three times and turn that in.

This was a great week! We talked about how we can be better citizens at our school, and the kids decided to take action by writing a letter to the PFA requesting some chicken wire to protect and discourage students from harming the trees. They also created posters to give to each class, asking for them not to carve in the trees.

In composition, we continue to work on topic sentences and expanding on details in a paragraph. In science we are studying the creatures that live in the desert. In math we learned a cool new trick to figure out elapsed time! Ask your kids about it!

We continue to read Charlotte's Web, and the kids are working diligently to perform a Reader's Theatre play for you! More details to come soon!

**Be sure to read to the end of this newsletter so that you can use your spy skills to decode the secret message. Send a note on Monday with the answer so that your student can win a trip to the Skittles jar!*



Citizen of the Week:

Dr. Montgomery is out attending a conference on Friday, so the Citizen of the Week will be notified on Monday!

Cookie Lee Sales:

This fundraiser is a great way to support the PFA's efforts to fund many things that our school needs! All order forms need to be in by Oct. 2nd.

Book Order:

A book order is being sent home in Friday folders. Those are due back next Thursday, Sept. 24th. Thanks to Carrie King for being our book order parent!

HELP US!

Please continue to support your students by working with them on getting instant recognition of crucial math facts. If they don't have instant recognition of addition facts, have them practice addition flash cards, if they have mastered addition, work with them on subtraction. Once they have mastered that, multiplication.

Library Help Needed

Dr. Montgomery is looking for parents to help run the school library. We need several parents to make it work, so please contact Nicole Crockett at 939-5400 if you'd like to help out!

Reading Goals:

Your student has a personal reading goal that ends (and is hopefully met!) by the 30th of Sept. I am sending a separate email so that you know exactly what your child's reading level is, and what their goal is. Please be sure that they are putting in 20 minutes per night! Encourage them to read an adequately challenging book. :0)

Volunteer List:

*If you were unable to attend volunteer training, please visit with Dr. Montgomery so that he can catch you up on what you need to know before volunteering.

Please see attachment for my most up-to-date volunteer list.

Spelling List, week 4:

Spelling List Week 4

1. climb
2. coffee
3. color
4. contains
5. day
6. daily
7. eagle
8. fancy
9. fly
10. forest
11. freeze
12. gentle
13. grow
14. holes
15. hotel
16. iron
17. live
18. living
19. monkey
20. myself
21. noise
22. pencil
23. pie
24. pull
25. so
26. sew (needle)
27. sow (seeds)
28. steam
29. thread
30. thunder

Homework:

Visit [Spellingcity.com](https://www.spellingcity.com) and practice the words by playing a game online. Once you are ready and have practiced the words several times, take the practice test online. Print the practice test results and turn in by Thursday of each week.

*Optional Assignment:

If you can't do the online assignment, please practice the words by writing them, sounding them out, and spelling them aloud. Then write each word three times and turn that paper in.

Secret Code:

A=*****	G=**BB*	M=*BB**	S=B**B*	Y=BB***
B=****B	H=*BBB	N=*BB*B	T=B**BB	Z=BB**B
C=***B*	I=*B***	O=*BBB*	U=B*B**	
D=***BB	J=*B**B	P=*BBBB	V=B*B*B	
E=**B**	K=*B*B*	Q=B****	W=B*BB*	
F=**B*B	L=*B*BB	R=B***B	X=B*BBB	

So, here is the message. Have fun decoding it!
 Send your answer in on Monday!

B*BB* **BBB ***** B**BB ***BB *****
 BB*** *B*** B**B*
 B**BB **BBB **B** *****B *BBB* *BBB*
 *B*B*
 BBB B***B ***BB **B** B***B ***BB
 B*B** *B** ?

Have a GREAT weekend!

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