



September 16, 2019

Following are a few notes and reminders:

- Thank you for visiting us during last week's Open House. It was wonderful to spend time with you!
- The week's math focus is measuring and comparing lengths using different length units.
- Our STEM challenge last week went really well - great collaboration!! I look forward to our next challenge that will involve learning about the beaks and diets of 5 birds - We will work in small teams to look at a set of tools (tweezers, chopsticks, etc.) and food (marshmallows, rice, etc.) to determine which bird would be more apt to use which tool and food to survive.
- Writer's Workshop - Informational writing is our focus. We are finishing our animal reports and will engage in several idea development lessons. Last week's grammar focus was common and collective nouns. This week we move to verbs in the present, past and future. If your child is interested in playing games that reinforce the learning of parts of speech, this is a good site.
http://www.dovewhisper.com/2nd_Grade_Parts_of_Speech.html.
- We will read two informational texts about the sea - *Jellies* and *Splash Photography*. Words to know: decide, disgusting, drift, millions, simple, wrapped, choices, weaker.
- Our guest readers for the week are: DeSmet on Monday, Matter on Tuesday, and Cook on Wednesday. ☺ The BFG is our class read aloud.
- Picture Day is Thursday. If you need an extra form, let me know.
- Pep Rally is Thursday at 2:00.
- **We have a field trip on the 25th** - Look in your child's BEE binder for detailed information.

Have a wonderful week!!!!

Respectfully,
Mrs. Linda Hall