



## Second Grade News

October 28, 2011

**Fall Party** We will be having a *small* Fall celebration on Monday, October 31, in the afternoon. The children **may** bring costumes to put on before the party if they wish. Please no make-up or weapons. To go along with our district's healthy snack suggestions, I will be supplying popcorn for our celebration and we'll be drinking water.

**Home Links** I appreciate the time you spend going over the math concepts we have learned in school. The children should be able to explain to you what the lesson was about that day. Home Links are designed to be done with a parent. Addition and subtraction fact triangles were sent home as a Home Link recently. The program suggests practicing the facts for 10 minutes each day for two weeks or until they are mastered. Please keep them in a safe place to review as needed. Also, please work with your child if he/she still struggles with the doubles facts and doubles +1. I would like them mastered by early November. Thank you for your help.

**Curriculum Update** In science we are studying fossils and dinosaurs. We try to do several experiments with each unit to create a hands on learning experience. All About Earth is our unit in Social Studies. We will be studying the seven continents and landform concepts such as: island, peninsula, mountain, valley, etc.

**Upcoming Dates** No School-November 4 and 11.

**A/R** I try to remind each child to take their A/R books home each night. They are to read it to you and be ready to take an A/R test the next day, unless it is a chapter book. With your help they will make great gains. Thank you!

**Spelling** We are working with a spelling program called Sitton Spelling. It is designed to individualize the words that each student needs to work on. Thank you for working with your child on the take home activities and practicing their individual list of words. Please keep those words handy and continue to review. Spelling assessment will be done in their daily writing.

We are off to a great start and I am having so much fun teaching your child. Please let me know if you ever have any questions. I look forward to seeing all of you at Parent/Teacher conferences. My email address is [jportz@rvschools.org](mailto:jportz@rvschools.org).