

# Second Grade Stars



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## Reading

Next week our story will be "The Roundup at Rio Ranch", by Angela Shelf Medearis. Jose goes on his first roundup and learns what it means to be a real vaquero (cowboy - in Spanish).

Please help your child read and understand the vocabulary words:  
broken      carefully      cattle  
fence      gently      safety

## Math

This week students told number stories. You may have fun with that at home. Tell # stories about whatever you are doing.

We used the number grid to add or subtract one-digit and two-digit numbers.

Beat the calculator was a game we played using math facts. One person was the caller, another used the calculator, and the third person used his/her brain.

## Spelling

Please help your child study the words for the pre-test on Monday. The final test will be on Friday from now on. You may notice that the words have long o and long I.

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| 1.toe    | 7.dry        |
| 2.slow   | 8.load       |
| 3.old    | 9.row        |
| 4.mind   | 10.sigh      |
| 5.by     | 11.broken    |
| 6.follow | 12.carefully |

The following students already earned a perfect score on the test. They chose new words to challenge themselves:

Andy - White Sox  
Dylan - chick  
Tradition    needle    thread

## Writing

Students brainstormed to help each other write tongue twisters. Each student started with his/her own name. Here is an example:

Caelan Cowell can do a cart-wheel and she likes cats and kittens.

## Book Reports

Is your child interested in reading chapter books? Both 2nd Grade teachers have decided to give more credit for chapter books. From now on, if the book is more than 50 pages it will be worth 2 book reports. But only 1 written report would be required.

We always want to encourage our students to read!

Each month we will require 4 book reports. That is the minimum. More is even better!

## Website

This newsletter is also on the river ridge website:

<http://www.riverridge210.org>  
Select "Elementary"  
You may also select:  
"Web Resources" and go to the second grade site for educational games, including spelling words.

## Dates to Remember

Sept. 19 Mallardfest in Hanover

Oct. 9 1:30 Dismissal for students  
Teachers prepare for the Craft Fair

Oct. 10 & 11 Craft Fair upstairs

Oct. 12 No School - Columbus Day

Oct. 20 Report Cards go home

Oct. 22 No School

Parent/Teacher Conf. 3-8pm

Oct. 23 No School

Parent/Teacher Conf. 8-noon

## Insects

Would you like to catch an insect, make a home for it, and send it to school? I would prefer a plastic container because it would not break.

Please do not send in anything that would hurt our students. Please remember, that spiders are not insects.

## Art with Ms Ransom

Ms. Ransom wrote:

Don't forget to bring an individual sized bag of candy to art class next Tuesday.

If your parents don't want to send candy with you, a box of raisins or a Granola Bar would work.

But Don't Forget!