

# Ewerks' Enlightenments

## May 14th, 2010

**Reading:** This week in reading we spent a lot of time redoing work that students did independently last week in centers because many of them did not take their time and turned in work that in NO way demonstrated their ability!!! I think they learned their lesson and students will work much harder on their center work next week. We finished the week by reading, "Just Plain Fancy" by Patricia Polacco. We will be doing activities with this story next week. We will also be comparing it to a story by Polacco that we read earlier this year, "Thundercake".

**English:** This week in English finished our Daily Language Review (DLR) book. Next week students will be using all of the things they have learned in DLR to complete activities that are similar to the ones we have done this year in DLR. This work however will count as a grade.

### **Spelling Words**

We are done with spelling for the year.

**Behavior:** Please remind your child that even though summer is coming we still have 2 learning weeks to go. I still expect homework to be completed and appropriate classroom behavior. Sports and other activities are not an excuse for incomplete work.

**Social Studies:** We continued to learn about our government and how it is run. We will continue in this unit next week.

**Math:** In math, we worked on geometry. We learned about many new concepts. The following were introduced this week: plain shapes, symmetry, congruence, flip, slide, and turn. Students are doing a good job learning about these new concepts. Next week we will finish up geometry and start working with fractions.

Second Grade Field Trip: Our end of the year field trip will take place on Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. We will be going to the Bloomington Normal Children's Museum. We will only need 5 parents to ride the bus, but any parent is welcome to drive themselves and meet us at the museum. **The first 5 parents to contact me will be riding the bus.** Parents riding the bus will need to pay their own admission fee and give it to me prior to the day of the trip. The student and parent fee is \$6.00. Parents meeting us at the museum will need to pay admission fees at the museum. Students will need to bring a disposable sack lunch to eat at the museum. I will send more information at a later date. **Please send in you money by Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.**

### Dates to Remember:

Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup> – UE Assessments ( MAP and DIBELS Administered)  
Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup> – Fine Arts Fair and Book Fair  
Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup> – Band Concert Grades 5<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> at UHS 7PM  
Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Field trip to the Bloomington Normal Children's Museum  
Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> - Fun Day!!!!!!!!!!!!