

**Crestwood
Elementary
School**

Mrs. Gariepy's Second Grade Newsletter

**April 18th
2016**

May 4th: Research “Museum Share”



Your child is currently working on an independent research project of their own choosing! Students have chosen a topic of their choice and are conducting their OWN research using materials they gathered themselves from the library. Over the next 2 weeks they will conduct research and work on their own to make a creative project. While I suggested they do an expert book, poem, or poster, I am giving them a lot of creative freedom to come up with some sort of project to share their information with the world. We are working on the big word SYNTHESIZING. These are similar to the projects they completed prior to spring break, but are more extensive and will be done independently rather than with a partner.

On May 4th we will be doing a museum share of our projects. You are more than welcome to come in any time between 10:45-11:40 to come walk through our project museum that will be set up in my classroom. Please let me know whether you can or cannot make it using this sign up genius link if you have not already done so: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VCY3PH8>

Rockford Field Trip May 11th



Our Rockford field trip is MAY 11th. We will leave Crestwood via bus around 8:50 and will depart from Richardson Sowerby Park at about 1:30pm. We will continue on with the rest of our day once we return. If you are interested in chaperoning the field trip, please fill out the form sent home today in homework folders and return asap. Chaperones—you will be riding the buses with us to downtown Rockford! While I will make sure to assign your own child to your group, each chaperone will also be responsible for 1-2 additional students. We will all start at City Hall (+Fire & Police Departments), have snack, and then break up into our separate classes to travel to Round School, The Historical Museum, and a Walking Tour of downtown. Our field trip will end at Richardson Sowerby Park where we will have lunch and some exercise/play time. I will send out a specific timeline and schedule as the date gets closer. If you are not interested in chaperoning the field trip, you are more than welcome to attend the lunch with us at the park, please plan on meeting us at about 12:45. All parents are welcome to join us at 12:45!

A few helpful reminders for this day:

- Your child MUST bring a sack lunch this day. We will not be at school for lunch so a hot lunch option will not be available. Please plan on packing your child's lunch in a disposable bag as this makes transportation much easier.
- Your child also needs to pack a separate healthy snack to munch on after city hall.
- We will go rain or shine, cold or warm! While we hope for SHINE,

please dress your child according to the weather with comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FIELD TRIP INTEREST FORM (Orange half-sheet) coming home in homework folders today and return to me ASAP!



Math Unit 8 Test

On Friday your child took their unit 8 math test. These will be coming home TOMORROW (I have a sub today, Monday)! We only have ONE more unit left this year! Wow—time has flown! This will last throughout the next month and then we will spend the remainder of the year reviewing important skills as your child prepares for 3rd grade.

Writing: Lab Reports

Last week we kicked off our final writing unit: lab reports. This unit will focus on different types of informational writing pieces. Students created their OWN lab reports which included an investigable question, hypothesis,



procedure, results, and conclusion. Students worked with a partner to carry out their experiments and then presented their findings to the class. This is great practice in the scientific process! This is a highly engaging form of writing for 2nd graders! We will continue this unit throughout the remainder of the school year.



Word Study Update

Last week your child took a “Words Their Way” screener test. This reevaluates their spelling progress and informs me of what patterns your child should be working on in their weekly sorts. You may or may not see a change in difficulty in spelling lists starting NEXT week due to this assessment.

Important Dates

- **April 20th**—Volunteer Breakfast! Please come enjoy some breakfast treats before school!
 - **April 29th**—Spirit Day: Hat Day
- **May 4th**—2nd Grade Museum Research Share
- **May 11th**—2nd Grade Field Trip to downtown Rockford