

**Crestwood
Elementary
School**

Mrs. Gariepy's Second Grade Newsletter

**May 16th
2016**

FIELD TRIP RECAP

Thank you SO much for helping our field trip run smoothly! We had so much fun traveling around downtown Rockford on Wednesday! We explored the Police Department, Fire Department, the Rockford Historical Museum, Rounds School, and went on a walking tour of the city. Thank you to my parent chaperones as well as all of those that attended our picnic and helped all students enjoy learning through this event! We couldn't have done this without you!

Thank
YOU!

WRITING:

INFORMATIONAL BOOKS

This past week your child showed his/her area of expertise by writing an informational book on a expert topic of their choice. We talked about how we can use text features - table of contents, glossaries, headings, illustrations, etc. to relay information we know. We reviewed how to spread information across and down pages as well as used checklists to set goals for moving forward. Many students are writing informational books about their past research topics. Others have chosen their favorite sport or activity. This will be the last formal type of writing we do in second grade - and they are working hard! All writing samples not yet sent home will come home during the last week of school.



HOMework + WORD STUDY

This week's homework and word study lists will be the LAST lists and packets for the rest of the school year! Yippee! Encourage your child to finish strong!

2016 FIELD DAY: May 26th

This year's field day is next Thursday, May 26th. Don't forget to send your child dressed appropriately - with "gym" shoes and sunscreen on, ready to go! All students will be expected to be outside, rotating through each station with our class during this time.

Field Day

CONVENTIONS: CAPITALS, AND COMMAS, AND WORDS... OH, MY!

We have spent a good portion of the last 3 weeks reviewing conventions necessary for success in writing and reading. We have

talked about different types of words:

- Nouns, plural nouns, collective nouns, pronouns
- Adverbs, verbs
- Adjectives

We also spent time reviewing conventions:

- Proper use of capitals for names, holidays, to start a sentence, etc.
- Proper use of commas
- Simple and compound sentence structures

While this may seem "old school", these strategies are certainly important for formal writing and practice!

TALENT SHOW

This year's annual talent show will take place on Thursday, June 9th. While the individual acts are only open to upper elementary students, ALL grades may participate in a class act! This year, all of 2nd grade will be performing together! We hope you are able to come check out this fun performance when the time comes.



Important Dates

- **May 20th-21st**—Relay for Life at North Rockford Middle School
- **May 24th**—Pencil Hang Out
 - **May 26th**—Field Day
- **May 27th-30th**—Memorial Weekend—**NO SCHOOL FRIDAY OR MONDAY,** we return on May 31st.
- **June 1st-3rd**—Lemonade Wars
 - **June 9th**—Talent Show
- **June 9th and 10th**—Half Days
- **June 10th**—Last day of school