

**Crestwood  
Elementary  
School**

# Mrs. Gariepy's Second Grade Newsletter



**May 23rd  
2016**

## No More Homework

There will be **NO MORE HOMEWORK** in second grade! Woo hoo! This also means no more word study tests! Enjoy this busy season with your families.

## Lost and Found

There is a **LARGE** supply of lost and found items here at Crestwood. Please remind your child to take a peek at this on their way in or out of school. I am reminding them as well, but any additional reminders are helpful. There are even winter items still lying around...



## Footloose!

Second grade will be performing in the talent show to the old school song "Footloose"! We hope you can come watch us perform on June 9th.

## Fam Bam Picnic

This Thursday, May 26th, 2nd grade will be hosting a **FAM BAM** picnic during lunch! Please come enjoy some lunch and play time with our second graders 11:45-12:25. *We hope you can make it!*



**What:** Family Picnic (Fam Bam!) Bring a picnic lunch (and a blanket to sit on) for fun in the sun—food and play! (Bring your own food!)

**Where:** At Crestwood—Meet in our classroom and we will head outside together

**When:** Thursday, May 26th, 11:45-12:25

**Why:** For fun and to celebrate our time together in 2nd grade!

**Who:** Second Grade families!

## Field Day



This Thursday, May 26th, will be Field Day at Crestwood. Second Grade's field day will be 1:30-2:40. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately, wearing gym shoes and sunscreen. We will

be outside the entire time and recess will begin immediately after field day is over—meaning they will be outside for nearly 2 hours. This is also the day of the Fam Bam Picnic—so a lot is happening this day!

## Mad Minutes

This week we will be taking our final mad minute assessments for the term. I will average **ALL** scores taken this trimester to mark your child's report card. As a reminder:

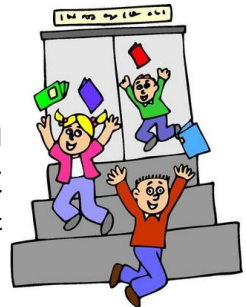
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- 25+ complete in 2 minutes = S



While we will be wrapping up our mad minute practice this week, I highly encourage you to continue to help your child review their math facts over the summer. In 3rd grade your child will be assessed using multiplication math facts—so the more practice, the better prepared he/she will be for 3rd grade! While my philosophy is that math *understanding and critical thinking* is of more value than rote memorization, the reality is that knowing your math facts makes everything else in math go more smoothly/quickly.

## The End of the Year is Near!

Over the course of the next few weeks we will be cleaning our lockers, cubbies, bins, etc. Therefore, it is helpful if you encourage your child to empty out their backpack **EVERY** night to make space for items coming home each day.



## Important Dates

- **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