



Mrs. Little's Log

October Newsletter

Dear Parents, September was a busy month. The children have adjusted to the daily routines of second grade. I hope everyone had a good time at Curriculum Night. I hope you were able to get a good feel for your child's day and their daily environment.

Reading

The class is finishing theme one: Silly Stories. We worked on sequencing, predicting outcomes, short vowels and making connections. Next week we will be testing skills from this theme. The following week we will begin theme two: Nature Walk and owls.



Language Arts

We will continue to practice writing sentences correctly (i.e. complete thought, punctuation, capitalizing). When traveling on after school errands or weekend trips, please take a few minutes to point out the use of capital letters in names of stores and restaurants or towns. This will help them make a connection between school and the world around them.

Math

We continue to work on skills of addition and subtraction facts, and story problems. Most of this year your child will be working on fluency with their math facts to 20. They will be learning many strategies to help them make sense of number story problems. The focus is on oral as well as written answers. It is important for them to be able to explain and show their work.



Upcoming Reminders

October Theme: Sharing	
Rocks and Minerals Test 10/19	2
Half Day 10/24 Teacher in-service	2
Reveena's b-day 10/3	3
Michael's b-day 10/15	4
Sydney's b-day 10/27	5
Next month's theme Co-operation	6



Daily 5

The children are enjoying Daily 5. They love being able to choose their daily work and this means a lot of reading and writing.

They have learned how to Read to Self, Read to Someone, Writing and Math Fluency.

This year I think I will need to change Daily 5 to Daily 7. They have come up with many other possibilities.

Cast -A-Spell

As part of our daily routine the children are spelling words with short vowels, and words with ir, er, ur. Their favorite words to spell are the muscle words. Our third test this year will be on Tuesday the 30th. I want to get it done before Halloween. They tend to be a bit jumpy.

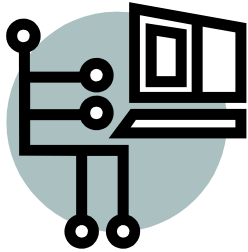
Science

Our study of rocks is coming to a close. The test is scheduled for this Friday. It was incredibly inspiring to learn from Mr. C from Dig It. They will also get a chance to learn about metamorphic sandwiches, fossils and geodes from Mrs. Tyl.

Before our study of Native Americans we will be taking a detour to learn facts about our continent.

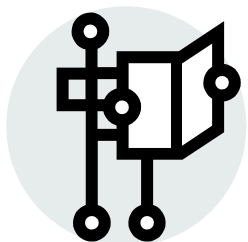
Special points of interest:

- You will begin seeing Scholastic Book order forms coming home.
- We will begin parent volunteers Nov 1st. I will contact you soon.
- Our room parents this year are: Sue Nevins and Patty Schmid.
- This newsletter can be found on my webpage.



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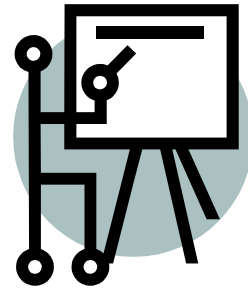
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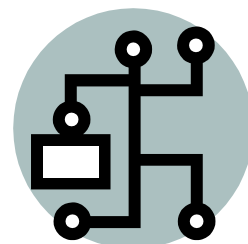
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Tolland Public Schools - BGP

Primary Business Address

Your Address Line 2

Your Address Line 3

Your Address Line 4

Phone: 555-555-5555

Fax: 555-555-5555

E-mail: someone@example.com

This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

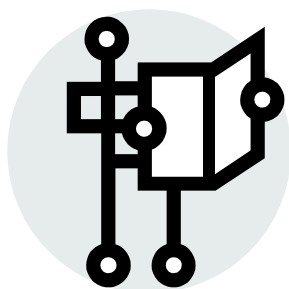
It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.



Your business tag line here.



Back Page Story Headline



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This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization

is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.