**Homework 10/22- 10/26**

**Monday:**

* Reading: Read at least 15 minutes-fill in reading log
* Math: iXL H.2

**Tuesday:**

* Reading: Read at least 15 minutes- fill in reading log
* Word Study: Spelling City activity

**Wednesday:**

* Reading: Read for 15 minutes using Razz Kids
  + **Kids login, teacher username: cvollmar0, click your name, password is an apple**
  + Remember to Read first, listen second, and answer the questions 3rd
* Word Study: Spelling City activity

**Thursday:**

* Reading: Read at least 15 minutes- fill in reading log
* Math: WB: 3.4/3.5

**Friday: Spell Check**

* Reading: Read at least 15 minutes- fill in log
* Science: **www.Switchzoo.com**: Create an animal with different animal adaption. Write about where this animal could survive and how each animal characteristic helps it survive (Due Friday 11/2)- more info below in newsletter

**This week in Second Grade…**

This week in Second grade, we are working hard in our Reading and Writing workshops. In reading, we will be working on building our reading stamina, using context clues to figure out the meaning of new words, learning from mentor authors and practicing the importance of fluency. In Writing, we are continuing to work in our first unit of study which is Narrative Writing on Personal Small Moments. Students will work on adding powerful endings to their writing pieces, adding dialogue, learning craft moves from mentor authors, and stretching out their small moments. Students will soon be selecting which one of their writing pieces they wanted to take through the writing process in preparation for our publishing party (which will be held in the middle of November- date coming soon!)

In Math, we are learning about subtraction. We are learning about different subtraction strategies, the relationship between addition and subtraction, and introducing our first problem solving Friday.

For Word Study this week, we will be using the online tool Spelling City ([www.spellingcity.com](http://www.spellingcity.com)). Each student came home with their log in information today. When your child logs onto this website, they can find their word list for the week at the top of the page. When they click on their word list, a group of activities will pop up. I usually put 8-10 activities up so students have plenty to practice from and we use this resource in the classroom some weeks. I do not expect them to complete all activities but they should complete at least one activity when it is assigned for homework.

Students should continue to fill out their reading logs. This reading log can be kept at home, or in their folder if it is easier, and should be filled out each day that the student reads. When the log is completed, they should bring the log back to school to receive an extra ticket. It is important for children to read independently and also listen to reading. When your child is reading or you are reading to them, it is important to have a discussion about the book to increase comprehension. Types of questions could be *who were the characters, what was your favorite part, what was the story about, what facts did you learn, what do you think will happen next, how would you change the book, where did the book take place, how would you feel if this happened to you etc.*

In Science, we will be discussing how animals and people affect one another, different animal habitats, and different animal adaptions to survive in those habitats. Students should go onto switchzoo and create their own animals. Then, they should write about their animal and how the animals adaptions/characteristics help their new make believe animal survive (example: cheetah legs help the animal run fast, a giraffe’s long neck can reach the top of trees for food). They can also name their animal and create facts about their animals (ex. What their animal eats, where lives, the predators, how long it’s live, etc.) The Switchzoo animal assignment is due Friday, November 2nd 2018. Students can type their information then print out their animal OR handwrite the information when they print their animal. If they complete it earlier, students can hand it in and we will present Friday and next week.

Next Wednesday is our Halloween celebration. Students should come to school in their costumes so they will not need to get changed here. Students should not use face paint because it gets very itchy and they will not be allowed to put it on at school. Costumes should be school appropriate and there are no weapon props allowed. Our class will have a celebration Wednesday afternoon.

Our field trip to Turtle Back Zoo is November 1st and Tenafly Nature Center is on November 14th. Please return the field trip forms as soon as possible if you have not done so yet.

My website is <http://vollmar2hcs.weebly.com/>. Let me know if you have any questions. Have a nice week!!!

Mrs. Vollmar