

# The Strohfus Star

Mrs. Strohfus 2nd Grade Newsletter - 10/6/11

## Please make note of Fall Festival Day.

### Upcoming Dates

October 7<sup>th</sup>

Science Assembly  
Box Tops are due by  
October 14<sup>th</sup>

**PICTURE DAY!**

**BOX TOPS are  
due!**

**October 21st**

Fall Festival  
3:45-6:00pm

**Volunteers are needed!**



OOPS!

Fall  
Festival  
is  
**NOT**  
October  
22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Picture Day is coming soon!**

Please visit our classroom website! You can access school year calendars, lunch menus, newsletters, and most other important documents there.


Visit: <http://msstrohfus.weebly.com/>

*Thank  
you*

Morgan's mom, Tamara Boynton, helped out during Science on Tuesday this week. The class spent time writing claims and supporting them with evidence. Thank you so much for volunteering your time! This makes such a difference in your child's education, as well as her life!

**Remember**  
**Conferences are coming  
soon!**  
**October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.**

**Spelling:** Next week's spelling words are printed on the back to save paper.

**Math:** We observed patterns on our number grids and found Shortcuts for Subtracting  from numbers. Ask your child about this new strategy and how it makes subtracting faster than counting backwards on his/her fingers or the number line. He/she will probably mention "subtracting 10 fingers" – the Everyday Math Stretch starts with reaching for the ceiling and "subtracting 10 fingers." Then, we touch our toes to "add 10 toes." Finally, we point to the right to "add 1" and to the left to "subtract 1." In Unit 3, we'll think about place value, money, and time. More about that after Fall Break.

**Writing:** This week we were working on personal narratives about birthdays. Next we will be writing about sleepovers.

**Reading:** We have been reading poetry, learning about elements of poetry, the language of poetry, and comparing and contrasting the many poems we have read.

**Social Studies:** We'll move into our Culture Unit next week. We'll study different cultures and we would like to know about you. Your child will be expected to present a two-minute Show and Tell presentation to the class at the end of this Unit. Please help him/her to get information to share about your family traditions, symbols, and objects that represent your heritage. The objects or things brought in DO NOT need to be elaborate but may be quite simple, perhaps a handful of rice (representative of an Asian heritage) or a photo of an Aztec monument (representative of a Mexican heritage). A letter will be sent out with more information and due dates.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Second Grade will sponsor the Water Balloon Toss again this year at the Fall Festival.

Volunteers are needed to fill up water balloons. Catch me at dismissal time or e-mail me at [michelle\\_strohfus@dpsk12.org](mailto:michelle_strohfus@dpsk12.org) for more information. Also, we need at least 5 families to bring a **large** bag of candy; this candy will be used as prizes.

Last year, we made almost \$300 that was used to pay for field trips, in-class programs, supplies, and class celebrations.

**Please contact me with any questions at [michelle\\_strohfus@dpsk12.org](mailto:michelle_strohfus@dpsk12.org).**

## Week 9 Spelling

### **Spelling List:** Words with sh, ch, th, and wh

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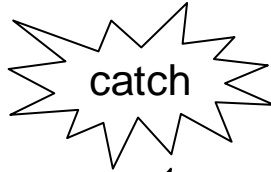
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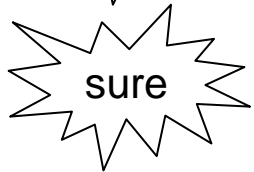
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**Memory Word**



**Memory Word**

Challenge

whisper

thumb

Our **Spelling Test** will be on **Friday, October 14, 2011**. Please help your child review the 12 words with diagraphs. I've attached homework to help you with this review. We will be working on them in class, too. Thanks for your help.

**Specials Schedule:** Below is the schedule that our class will follow next week – October 10th – October 14th.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Music	Music	Music	Music	Music



Please remember to have your child **wear gym shoes**

on the days he/she has **PE**. Students **MUST** wear these shoes all day. We **DON'T** have time to change shoes!!

