

# The Strohfus Star

Mrs. Strohfus 2nd Grade Newsletter - 11/03/11

## Don't Forget to Fall Back!

### Upcoming Dates

**NO SCHOOL**  
**November 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>!**

Thanksgiving Break  
will begin on Wednesday,  
November 23<sup>rd</sup> and end on  
Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>.

Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>  
Bring a \$1 donation for the food  
bank and wear your pajamas to  
school!

**Don't Forget: Please send \$10  
participation fee for Enrichment  
Day!**

There are a limited number of scholarships  
available.



**BACK 1 HR. ON  
SUNDAY!**

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*

Thanks to those of you who have  
sent in money for Enrichment Day!

Also, thank you to everyone who  
contributed to the FALL FESTIVAL.  
We earned a total of \$322 dollars  
between our 2 second grade  
classrooms, Ms. Reed and Mrs.  
Strohfus.

**REMEMBER** write down the number of  
minutes you read each day on the  
November Reading Log.

**Spelling:** Next week's spelling words are printed on the back to save paper.  Spelling Test on Wednesday,  
November 9<sup>th</sup>!!! We'll work on them in class and please work on the words at home; I've attached homework to help with  
this.

**Math:** As we look ahead to Unit 4, we will be telling fish stories answering questions like this: If Fish K (35 pounds)  
swallows Fish D (5 pounds), how much does Fish K weigh now? OR How much more does Fish K weigh than Fish D?  
This means that we'll need to think about what we need to do to answer the question – do we use addition or subtraction?  
Also, we'll begin to make estimates to solve problems for which an exact answer is not necessary. Toward the end of the  
Unit, we'll start adding 2- and 3-digit numbers together using the Partial Sums Algorithm. More about that later.

**Writing:** We will continue to work on informational paragraphs. This time we will write about the needs of plants.

**Reading:** As we end our Theme: Nature Walk, we'll be learning lessons from animals as we read Fables, starting with the  
"The Hare and the Tortoise" and ending with "The Fly on the Wagon." We'll read about our characters and make  
inferences based on what we observe them doing. In addition, we'll make predictions about what might happen if the story  
ending changed.

**Social Studies:** Ask your child about different ways to say hello in different cultures. Our Culture Unit will be coming to an  
end next week. Students will make their posters about their cultures on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. Your  
child can bring pictures of cultural elements (for example, family, food, clothing, language, and values). Send only copies  
– NO originals, please. But this is NOT required because your child can also draw everything on his/her posters.

**Science:** Our next Science Crate will arrive next Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. We'll investigate Sound by observing sound  
systems, such as, the Ding Hummer (aka, tuning fork), Thumb Plucker (looks like a thumb piano), and a very unique Coat  
Hanger! The characters I.O. and C.Q. in our Science books will help us discover if sound happens because we hit  
something or because it moves back and forth, or vibrates. More about this Unit later.

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

## Week 14 Spelling

### Spelling List: More Long e Words

free      wheel      Review

each      team      eat

clean      speak      read

teeth      sneeze

please       **Memory Word**      Challenge

sheep      between

beach      reason

## **Due to a short work there will be NO Spelling Test will be on Wednesday, November 9, 2011.**

We will be working on them in class and I've attached homework so you can work on them at home too! Thanks for your help.

**Specials Schedule:** Below is the schedule that our class will follow next week – November 7th – November 9th.

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!!

