

# Benson's Bits

Week 13

November 25-29, 2024

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**\*TEAMWORK PARTY** ~ Our class earned another PIZZA PARTY last week. WAY TO GO SECOND GRADERS! We celebrated on Thursday.

**\*SPELLING** ~ There will be NO new spelling words sent home due to the short week. We will review spelling patterns in class.

**\*TURKEY COLORING CONTEST** ~ Students began coloring their turkey for the **Turkey Coloring Contest** held in my room each year. This is the 32nd annual event. There are three categories that will be judged. (1) Most Colorful, (2) Neatest, and (3) Most Authentic "real" looking turkey. Each year I bring the turkeys home for Thanksgiving and my family judges the turkeys. Every student that enters gets a prize and those that win in each category will receive an additional prize. Happy Coloring!

**\*STATE CHAMPIONS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN SCHOOL HISTORY! WAY TO GO FALCON FOOTBALL!** The Fertile-Beltrami Falcons beat the Hills-Beaver Creek Cardinals for the 9-man football STATE CHAMPIONSHIP at U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis on Saturday! We are proud of the Falcon Football players and coaches.

**\*READING GOALS** ~ New goals and a calendar were sent home for the month of November. The deadline and monthly book drawing will be THIS WENESDAY NOVEMBER 27.

**\*MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES READ TO ACHIEVE** is an optional reading program that started on October 28 and goes through December 8. Students who read and record 500 or more minutes of reading at home and/or in school between Monday October 28<sup>th</sup> and Friday December 8<sup>th</sup> will receive a ticket offer to a Timberwolves home game. Students record their "at home" reading minutes on their READ TO ACHIEVE recording sheet and return to school by Monday December 9<sup>th</sup>. Teachers are recording the "in school" minutes at school. Minutes read will be combined and recorded on a Teacher Tracking Poster.

NOTE: Students reading days/minutes may be recorded on both our MONTHLY READING GOAL CALENDAR and the TIMBERWOLVES RECORDING SHEET.

Teachers are recording the "in school" minutes at school. Minutes read will be combined and recorded on a Timberwolves Teacher Tracking Poster.

\***LIBRARY** ~ Library will be **Wednesday November 27** this week due to Thanksgiving Break.

\***YEARBOOK ORDER FORM:** If you would like to order a yearbook, an order form was sent home last week. If you place an order on or before November 27, the cost is \$45. If you place an order from November 28 - January 31, the cost goes up to \$50.

**HOMEWORK** ~ Read 15-20 minutes to someone you are thankful to have in your life. Remember to mark it down on your November Reading Goal Calendar and Timberwolves recording sheet.

## **Monday -**

- \*Students wrote about things they are thankful for.
- \*Our mini-lesson in reading focused on identifying sequence of events based on a Thanksgiving story.
- \*Students reviewed second grade spelling words.
- \*Second graders will play a "What am I" Thanksgiving game.
- \*Today in math second graders will discuss place value and represent three-digit numbers using Base 10 blocks and expanded form.
- \*Students started coloring their turkey for the turkey coloring contest.
- \*Second graders read a Scholastic News about the history of Thanksgiving.

## **HOMEWORK:**

- \*Math Home Link 4.4
- \*Keep filling out the Nov. reading goal calendar/Timberwolves recording sheet

## Tuesday -

- \*Students will continue to write about things they are thankful for. This writing will be added to their memory book at the end of the year.
- \*Our mini-lesson in reading will focus on identifying sequence of events based on a Thanksgiving story.
- \*Students will review second grade spelling words.
- \*Second graders will play Thanksgiving Riddle BINGO.
- \*Today in math students will use place value and expanded form to compare 3-digit numbers.
- \*Students will continue coloring their turkey for the turkey coloring contest.

### HOMEWORK:

- \*Math Home Link 4.5
- \*Keep filling out the November reading goal calendar/Timberwolves recording sheet.
- \*\*Return NOVEMBER BOOK GOAL CALENDARS tomorrow
- \*\*Bring back LIBRARY BOOKS tomorrow

## Wednesday - *Library*

*November Book Goal Calendars are due TODAY!*

- \*We will be working around a Thanksgiving theme throughout the day. Writing, reading skills, math, and art will all focus on Thanksgiving history and vocabulary.
- \*Second graders will follow sequenced steps to create turkey cookies. Then they will eat them!

### HOMEWORK:

- \*Have a HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
- \*Read to someone you are thankful to have in your life!

## Thursday - NO SCHOOL (Happy Thanksgiving)

### HOMEWORK:

- \*Enjoy time with family and friends.

## Friday - NO SCHOOL

### HOMEWORK:

\*Enjoy time with family and friends.

### A LOOK AHEAD:

\*December 2-6 ~ Natalie will be Star of the Week

\*December 9-13 ~ Miles will be Star of the Week

\*December 9 ~ Timberwolves READ TO ACHIEVE recording sheet due

\*December 16-20 ~ Maxx will be Star of the Week

\*December 18 ~ EARLY OUT (1:45 p.m.)

\*December 20 ~ Last day of school before Christmas break