

February 3, 2012

Dear families of M.I.T.C.H. 2nd graders,

I wanted to congratulate our two representatives to the M.I.T.C.H. spelling bee, Ian and Max, for participating in the competition. I also would like to let the rest of our class how proud I was of their behavior during the assembly.

Monday

Riggs spelling words: mine, chair, forget, forgot, hang/hung, meat/meat, & seat/seated should be written 3x at home with sounds and markings. Missed spelling words should be written 5x with sounds and markings. **Each student needs to be writing a minimum of 3 sentences. Each sentence should include at least one dress-up (adverb, because, quality adjective, strong verb, or who/which clause.) Due to overuse of some dress-ups, I am asking that a student use different dress-ups for their sentences (Do not use the same dress-up twice). Sentences still need to be at least seven words long.**

Challenge words: faint, faintly, quite, & quiet

Saxon Homework will vary by math group

Reading for a minimum of 15 minutes

Tuesday

Riggs spelling words: course, dozen, store/stores, rather, supper, & became should be written 3x at home with sounds and markings. Missed spelling words should be written 5x with sounds and markings. **Each student needs to be writing a minimum of 3 sentences. Each sentence should include at least one dress-up (adverb, because, quality adjective, strong verb, or who/which clause.) Due to overuse of some dress-ups, I am asking that a student use different dress-ups for their sentences (Do not use the same dress-up twice). Sentences still need to be at least seven words long.**

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Wednesday

Riggs spelling words: December, rain, keep/keeps, start, bit, & bite/biting should be written 3x at home with sounds and markings. Missed spelling words should be written 5x with sounds and markings. **Each student needs to be writing a minimum of 3 sentences. Each sentence should include at least one dress-up (adverb, because, quality adjective, strong verb, or who/which clause.) Due to overuse of some dress-ups, I am asking that a student use different dress-ups for their sentences (Do not use the same dress-up twice). Sentences still need to be at least seven words long.**

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Thursday

Riggs spelling words: mail, male, female, eye, I, & aye should be written 3x at home with sounds and markings. Missed spelling words should be written 5x with sounds and markings. **Each student needs to be writing a minimum of 3 sentences. Each sentence should include at least one dress-up (adverb, because, quality adjective, strong verb, or who/which clause.) Due to overuse of some dress-ups, I am asking**

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Coming up this week:

Riggs

This week we will be building the Four Sentence Patterns Use 3 Classes of Verbs chart and adding to our Strong Verbs, Quality Adjectives, and Adverb charts.

Excellence in Writing

We will continue to work on our Digestion paragraph this week. It has proved to be much more challenging than our previous paragraphs so we will finish it this week.

Reading

We will be reading Chinese folk tales and reader's theaters this week.

History

This week we will begin our study of Ancient China. On Thursday February 9th, we will be celebrating Chinese New Year.

Science

We will wrap-up our study of the human body this week and begin our study of life cycles next week.

Parent Updates & Important Dates:

Upcoming Dates

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| • Thursday February 9 th | Chinese New Year Celebration |
| • Friday February 10 th | Magic School Bus Play |
| • Friday March 16 th | Core Knowledge Night (Details TBA) |

Scheduling Event Change

Due to a scheduling conflict and to better tie the event to our studies the Asian Festival has been moved from Friday June 1st to Thursday March 22nd. This event will take place during the school day. Thank you for your understanding!