WELCOME BACK!!

9/15/14

**Math**

Math chapter 1 starts with *Numbers to 1,000* addressing both counting and place value. See my website for more information about the unit and helpful videos.

**Reading**

Reading continues this week with our theme of *Silly Stories.* We will finish this week with “Dragon Gets By” by Dav Pilkey. During this story we will cover important vocabulary along with the strategy of summarizing.

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**Science/Social Studies**

Since we are early in the school year, we will continue to focus on building community and relationships along with conflict problem solving.

**Writing**

Launching with Small Moments is our first unit of writing. In this unit, students will write a narrative of a true event that has happened in his or her life. Most of our units take about a month, so this will be our focus for quite a while.

Things Found On The Classroom Website

[www.melissagorsegner.weebly.com](http://www.melissagorsegner.weebly.com)

* Math curriculum explanation and links to math website
* Spelling words and links to activities
* Pictures of our year
* Links for students and parents

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Ms. Gorsegner’s 2nd Grade Gazette

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This Friday, our class will be taking the NWEA Reading test. This assessment is online and adapts depending on how the student is doing. This is just one of the tools I use as a teacher to help understand your child’s needs. Please help them do their best by making sure they get plenty of sleep the night before and a healthy breakfast in the morning!

Last Friday, our class completed our first STEM challenge: building a spaghetti tower! While at times, it became very frustrating, everyone showed perseverance and did not give up. This is a quality I hope all students to gain while going through the process. A quick survey after found that every student had fun with the challenge and wants to continue with them in the future. I ask that you continue to encourage your child to persevere and become problem solvers in all situations! Pictures will be posted to the website soon!

First STEM Challenge a Success

* Popcorn every Friday – 50 cents a bag; limit 4 bags

Agendas

Just a friendly reminder to please check agendas every day and initial it if you’ve read it. I occasionally will put notes in there, but it is also important you check for homework. This is also a great way for you to communicate with me if needed!

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Remind

I am currently using Remind to send out reminder text messages to anyone interested. To sign up, send the message **@msgorse** to the number **810-344-6657**.