

The Hancock Herald

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Voyages!

During Voyages for the week we talked about one of our favorite parts of God's great creation - His animals. We discussed the fact that God gave Adam a very big, and important, job to do when He asked Adam to name all of the animals. We noticed that Adam *willingly* did this enormous job that God requested of him. Sadly, we also heard the story about the first sin, and how the beautiful world that God created was spoiled. But, as always, we were able to end on a happy note as we remembered that God has rescued His people through Jesus our Savior.

Look for...

Next week's pattern word spelling list is being sent home with your student today. These words will be tested on Friday. There are 12 pattern spelling words and three challenge words. The challenge words are optional. Memory work is also included. Memory work is to be recited on Wed. and Fri. mornings. A copy of memory and spelling words can be downloaded from our school website.

Week Three

Three weeks of second grade already completed?! How quickly the time goes.

Our reading selection for the week was entitled *Exploring Space with an Astronaut*. Through

this non-fiction story we learned about astronauts and what their important jobs entail.



We used this story to help us learn the comprehension strategy concepts of topic, main idea, and supporting details. Training the children to think this way is especially helpful when reading non-fiction books and textbooks. We also looked at the importance of headings in non-fiction selections. Our phonics and spelling work for the week reviewed long vowel sounds and the silent "e" spelling pattern. Our grammar study focused on subjects in sentences. During our writing time we focused on writing complete sentences with a subject and predicate, proper punctuation, and details. We began a fact-filled book about ourselves.

Our extra words for the week were as follows:

Amazing Words:

ascend, descend, orbit, universe, enormous, journey, launch, meteorite

High Frequency Words:

everywhere, live, work, woman, machines, move, world

During math we are continuing to work on addition strategies such as doubles, doubles plus one, and making ten. A strong knowledge of these strategies helps to lay the foundation for future addition and subtraction computations. We will continue working on these helpful tactics throughout the year. We had our first "Mad Math Minute" where we answered as many addition problems as we could in one minute. These addition facts will become progressively harder as we go along. This week we also began reviewing subtraction. We examined "fact families" and the way that knowing addition facts can help us with subtraction facts.

Community was the focus of our social studies lessons. We discussed that fact that we are members of three different communities; school, home, and local. We listed the responsibilities that we have within each community in a web form. In addition to community and responsibility, we also added the words government, law, rights, vote, and consequence to our vocabulary.

Extra, Extra...

The friendship book reports are due on Friday, Sept. 18th. Please send **the puppet, the book your child read, and the purple book report sheet** to school with your child on that day. It would really help your second grader if you asked them to practice reading (delivering) the information from the green sheet. This way the

Leviticus 19:1-2

... You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

students will feel more confident when they are standing in front of the class sharing their report.

Remember that school picture day is Tuesday, Sept. 15th. Standard dress will not be required on that day. Please don't forget to send your picture order with your child if you plan to purchase school pictures this year.

I look forward to seeing you at the school/church family picnic on Sunday. It always proves to be a great time for fun and fellowship.

Blessings on your weekend.

Mrs. Hancock



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