

October 11th-14th

Mrs. Smallwood's Weekly News

Important Dates:

October 11 – End of the 1st Quarter

October 15 – No School, Teacher In-service

October 20 – Report Cards Issued

October 22 – Manatee Elementary's Harvest Hoedown, 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Science Fair Boards:

The front office has Science Fair boards for sale! The cost is \$3.00 per board. Only 210 have been ordered, so once they are gone, they are gone.

Reading:

Our weekly story is The Planets in our Solar System. The strategy is generating questions for comprehension and we will continue to focus on main idea and details.

Spelling:	1. thread	11. spray	Bonus Words
	2. scrubs	12. throw	1. solar system
	3. spree	13. strong	2. easily
	4. screams	14. scraped	3. main
	5. stream	15. strength	4. dim
	6. scratch		5. temperatures
	7. spread		6. telescope
	8. throne		7. probably
	9. three		
	10. screens		

Reading Counts: The second quarter begins on Tuesday. Students will be required to read two fiction books, one nonfiction book and take a reading counts quiz for each book. The students must choose books on their Lexile level.

Social Studies: Students began studying government this week. We read and discussed the independence of the USA and how our government was set up in the 1700's.

Science: Please continue to focus on the Science Fair projects. Due dates are only a guide line, however all projects will be due on November 23rd.

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Math: We are continuing Topic 4. The focus of Topic 4 is data and graphing. Parents please continue to work with your children on basic subtraction facts. Some students have not mastered these facts. Remember our goal is to complete 50 facts in 3 minutes. Make flash cards and practice, practice, practice. Some students have moved to multiplication and we will begin a class challenge on multiplication soon.

SunnyD Book Challenge:

I'm very excited to tell you about a program our class is participating in that will bring free books to your child's classroom. It's called the SunnyD Book Spree, and the program will donate 20 books when our class sends in 20 SunnyD UPC labels. The program will also award hundreds of books to the ten schools that collect the most labels.

Please help us get our free books! Last year, SunnyD donated 84,000 books.

Save SunnyD UPC labels, and send them in to our classroom. I'll collect and mail them to the program for our free books. Ask friends and family to collect labels, too—because once we've earned our 20 books, we can start collecting for the big prizes. We could win hundreds of books for our school library!

Fundraiser: Hats ON for Cystic Fibrosis on Wednesday, October 13, 2010.

What? Wear a hat to school

When? Wednesday, October 13th

How? Pay \$1.00

Why? To benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

According to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation,

Cystic fibrosis is an inherited chronic disease that affects the lungs and digestive system of about 30,000 children and adults in the United States (70,000 worldwide). A defective gene and its protein product cause the body to produce unusually thick, sticky mucus that:

- clogs the lungs and leads to life-threatening lung infections; and
- obstructs the pancreas and stops natural enzymes from helping the body break down and absorb food. In the 1950s, few children with cystic fibrosis lived to attend elementary school. Today, advances in research and medical treatments have further enhanced and extended life for children and adults with CF. Many people with the disease can now expect to live into their 30s, 40s and beyond.