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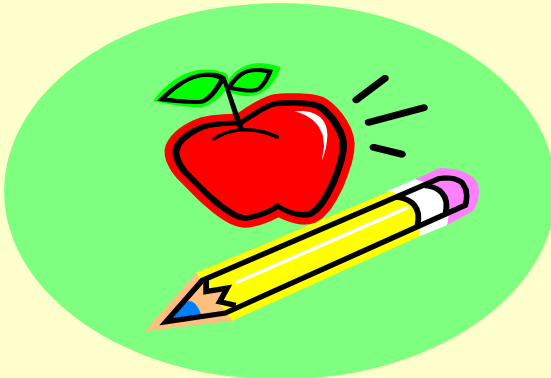
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# Mrs. Brandt's Classroom Newsletter

## Hello from second grade.

We are excited it's finally spring! We will probably be going outside for recess from now on. Please make sure your child has warm enough clothes for this. It is often a bit chilly outside and coats are often still needed.

As you probably know, Book - It is over. Next week I will announce the winners and present prizes for our classroom reading contest. Everyone who read is a winner and will have earned something! Please encourage your child to keep reading.



We have planned a field trip to Lincoln Park Zoo on April 29th. More information will be sent home soon. April 29<sup>th</sup> is also Miss Biciste's last day with us. We will miss her very much. We will have a small "celebration" at the end of the day on Thursday due to the field trip on Friday.

## Reading

Everyone is improving in reading and I am very proud of this classes' hard work. The class seems to enjoy center work. In phonics we will be reviewing patterns previously learned for the rest of the year. Summarizing, inferences, sequencing, and drawing conclusions are the skills we are focusing on.

## Math

We are working on geometry skills this week and moving on to counting coins next. Please practice this skill at home you're your child. Of course we will continue to review addition, subtraction, and problem solving skills.

## Science

The science dinosaur projects turned out great!!! I am very proud of all the students. The projects have been on display in the hallway by the office and will be coming home soon. Comment sheets were sent home after break.

## Handwriting

Neatness is a very important learned - practiced skill. We are continuing to work on learning cursive. We look forward to being exposed to all the letters and will be able to complete some assignment in cursive soon.

**\*\*\*\*Remember to look at the back of this week's spelling list. Our test will include LAST WEEK'S WORDS as well! \*\*\*\***