

# THIS WEEK'S NEWS



## Memory Verse

I am making some changes to how we do the memory verse. Often, time runs short on Friday afternoon during Bible time to complete the assignment and recite the memory verse. I am now going to allow students to say the memory verse to me at any point during the week during snack time. As soon as your child feels ready, I will let them come say the verse to me at snack. If a student attempts the verse unsuccessfully, I'll record a grade and allow them to try again the next day (until the end of the week). New recitations will only replace the recorded grade if it improves upon the previous attempt. :)

## Sight Words

Please help your child remember to practice his or her sight words in addition to the other homework activities listed on the homework page. :)

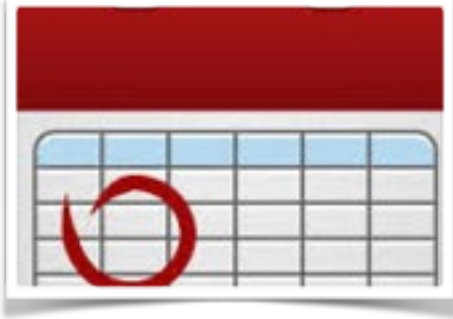
## Homework Help!

VERY few 1st or 2nd graders are ready to take on the full responsibility of homework on their own. Your child will need some help from you. There are 2 "levels" of help that may be needed. **Please read the descriptions below to see which level your child is currently at and provide the assistance needed.**

**Level 1:** Your child needs reminders to check his or her Daily Folder each evening. He or she needs reminders to complete the weekly spelling activity (due the last day of the week). He or she needs reminders to sit down and read, and needs parent initials. Your child needs parent help to practice sight words, memory verse, and spelling words throughout the week.

**Level 2:** You need to get your child's Daily Folder out for them and check the papers. Your child needs you to sit down with him or her and read daily, helping to sound words out. Your child needs you to spend 15 minutes (give or take a few) with him or her practicing the spelling words. Your child needs help practicing his or her sight words often. Your child needs help memorizing the memory verse.

If your child is a Level 2, their success with homework truly may depend on how much help you provide them. Sight words, memory verses, spelling words, reading calendars, and spelling activities are ALL graded activities. **If your child is struggling in any academic areas, please consider them a Level 2 and sit down with them every night to do homework activities.**



### Dates to Keep in Mind

- January 28:** Last Day of Second Quarter
- January 29:** No School-Teacher Grading Day
- February 12:** Valentine's Day Mini-Party
- February 19:** 100th Day of School!

### Classroom Website

[scswilson.weebly.com](http://scswilson.weebly.com)

### Spelling City

<http://www.spellingcity.com/SCSMissWilson/>

## Wiggle Seats

I am so thankful to the School Board for approving my request for more “wiggle seats”. They are sold as “balance boards”, and are round inflated disks. One side is smooth, the other side is bumpy.

The “wiggle seats” provide students with the opportunity to move around a bit while working, as well as be “in control” with the texture of the disks to help them focus better. I have seen an improvement in focus in the class as a result. I don't have one for every student - a couple students told me they didn't think the disk was helpful. Currently, I believe we have one for each student that can benefit from them. We have 11 “wiggle seats”! :) Yahoo!

