

Mrs. Hédou's

Second Grade Class

Madawaska Elementary School ~ Room 112

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Dear Parents,

In this newsletter, you will find what your child is learning in the different subject areas. We have a new unit of study on pumpkins. Students will be learning about pumpkins through activities using nonfiction books and through learning center activities.

I recently sent home a letter about the Pizza Hut Book It! program. You and your child need to fill in the orange calendar each time he/she reads. Please document the number of minutes read each night. I will be collecting these October reading calendars the first week in November. If your child reads at least 210 minutes per month, he/she will receive a certificate for a free personal pan pizza from Pizza Hut! Let's encourage our students to read everyday!

Beginning within the next few weeks, I'll be sending plastic book bags with books we have been working on in reading. These books are familiar to the students. Sometimes I may also send an extension activity that goes along with the book. Please make certain your child completes the activity and returns it the next day.

I want to say thank you to you for signing your child's homework folder every night! Let's keep up the great home-school connection! ☺

What are we learning about?

Writing Workshop

- steps of the writing process: webbing and drafting
- Halloween stories & acrostic poems

Reading & Language Arts

- Strategies to use when we come to an unknown words, phonics skills, fluency
- contractions, synonyms, antonyms, dictionary skills, alphabetical order, nouns, compound words
- nonfiction books on pumpkins and their attributes (table of contents, glossary, index, photographs, labeling)

French

- fall and Halloween vocabulary words

Math

money, adding, subtracting, problem solving, time

Science

- Pumpkins
- Fire Prevention
- Balance and Motion
- Bats
- Bones in our body

Social Studies

- communities, neighbors
- Christopher Columbus
- using maps

Dates to Remember

Monday, Oct. 4th: No School- Workshop

Monday, Oct. 11th: No School-Columbus Day

Tuesday, Oct 26th: Early Release

