

**Mrs. Murray's Monday Message**  
**For the week of: October 10, 2011**  
**WHITE WEEK**

**Reading**

- **There are no new Words to Know this week.** Please go back through your child's planner and review the words we have already learned.
- Please practice the Words to Know at home with your child nightly. Students who are able to automatically recognize and read sight words have much more confidence in reading and often progress at a faster pace.

**Spelling**

- The spelling lists are now available online at [www.spellingcity.com](http://www.spellingcity.com). On this site, students can practice their spelling words and play games to help them learn their words. A label is on the front page of your child's planner under their name label and explains how to get to our spelling list. Be sure to try it out! It really is an excellent way to practice spelling words at home!
- The spelling words are part of our Journeys reading curriculum and follow a certain spelling pattern. Please practice these words at home with your child. If your child masters these words, feel free to add other words that follow the same pattern OR practice using them in sentences and writing the whole sentence. You could also find words in the same word families.
- **NO NEW SPELLING WORDS THIS WEEK**

**Math**

- Students will continue Unit 4 this week. In this unit, students will learn about graphing. Students will create and interpret bar graphs, tally charts, venn diagrams and input/output tables. Please continue to practice number words 0-20 and addition facts at home.

**Science/Social Studies**

- This week, we will learn about Christopher Columbus.
- This week's Manner of the Week is: When people ask you how you are, tell them and then ask them how they are.

**Star Student of the Week**

- There is no Star Student this week.

**Announcements**

- **NO HOMEWORK THIS WEEK!**
- **STUDENTS DO NOT HAVE SCHOOL ON OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup>.** This was originally an early release day, but was changed to a full day off for students at the last Board

of Education meeting. Other days impacted include December 2<sup>nd</sup>, February 10<sup>th</sup> and March 8<sup>th</sup>. Please note these dates on your calendars.

- Beginning next week, students may take AR tests in class. Students can take AR tests over books read to them or books they read independently. Please write the title and author in your child's planner on the day they need to take it. I have attached an example of where it should be written in the planner. If you would like to volunteer time to help give AR tests, please let me know.
- Our Fall Party will be on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 2:00-2:40. Just a reminder, it is against school policy for students to come to school dressed in Halloween costumes. Party sign-up sheets were outside the room at conferences. No one signed-up to provide treat bags or fruit for the party or organize a craft or game. Please let me know if you are willing to help out with one of these. Thanks!
- Tic-Tac-Toe Homework is due back on Friday. I will not accept late homework unless a child is absent or there are other circumstances that prevent them from completing the homework on time. Homework completion will be recorded on your child's grade card.

### Specials Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		<b>RED</b>		
Library PE	Guidance/Comp. Music	Music Library	Library PE	NONE Music
		<b>WHITE</b> Library PE		
		<b>BLUE</b> PE Music		

\*This week we have Guidance on Tuesday.

### Upcoming Events

- **October 13 - End of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter; NO SCHOOL**
- **October 14 - No School**
- October 18 - Grade Cards Sent Home
- October 31 - Fall Party (2:00-2:40)
- November 4 - PTO Family Night; Early Release (11:25)
- November 11 - Field Trip
- November 23-25 - No School