



# Mrs. Foley's



# Classroom Newsletter

September 30, 2011

## Reading Counts

Are you curious how many RC points your child has so far this quarter? You can find this information in your child's assignment notebook. Each Monday we add the previous week's points. Your child is also responsible for documenting any books he/she has read independently and passed a RC quiz. We expect students to earn 25 or more points per quarter. At least half of those points should come from books your child reads independently.

Lexile Level \_\_\_\_\_  
Reading Counts Points \_\_\_\_\_  
Quizzes Passed/Taken \_\_\_\_\_  
Average Score \_\_\_\_\_  
Lacking independent reading points? YES NO

## Rocket Math

Third graders are participating in a basic math facts program called "Rocket Math" just as they did last year in second grade. You have likely seen a few of these 1-minute addition tests come home. When students do not meet their goal, they take the sheet home for practice. If they do meet their goal, the sheet is handed in to be graded. As students complete all of the addition levels, they will move on to subtraction. Eventually, all students will be moved to subtraction, even if they do not pass all of the addition levels. Studying basic math facts should be a part of your child's nightly study routine. A set of flash cards will be handy for this.

## Absences

Please notify the office staff when your child will be absent. If he/she has a contagious illness such as the flu, pink eye, or strep throat, please e-mail me immediately so that I can disinfect the classroom. If you would like your child's work gathered and sent home at the end of the day with a sibling or left in the office, please request it when you call to report the absence. Work will NOT be gathered in advance of an absence, such as when families take a vacation. Your child will be provided with that work when he/she returns. Your child has one day to make up work for each day he/she was absent. It is your child's responsibility to keep track of the work and complete it on time. Extra copies will not be provided if they are lost.

## To Do List

1. Read for 15+ minutes each night.
2. Practice addition and subtraction basic math facts. Work on speed.
3. Make corrections on classwork below 75%.
4. Write the final draft of you fairy tale acrostic poem. Gather materials and create your collage. Practice delivering your presentation in front of family members.

## Upcoming Dates

Thursday, October 6  
Fairy Tale Book Report Due

Monday, October 10  
NO SCHOOL - Columbus Day

Thursday, October 13  
Barnes & Noble Book Fair  
4:00 – 8:30 P.M.

Friday, October 21  
End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter  
NO SCHOOL - Institute Day

## Book Order

Information about the October book order will be sent home on Monday. You can place your book orders online by going to the Scholastic Book Clubs website. Orders must be received by Friday, October 7 in class or online.

[www.scholastic.com/parentordering](http://www.scholastic.com/parentordering)