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Homework Expectations

Hello Friends! We are really hitting our groove this year. There still remains some questions as far as what is homework and what is not. I hope to clarify this for you all so that we can all be on the same page. I know it may be hard to believe, but sometimes our students are less than forthcoming when relaying what was said in class. So! **Mondays** are the **magic days** in our reading class. Why? Because this is the day when all assignments are due! The previous weeks ELA packets, and Scholastic News magazines. We also take our spelling tests on Mondays. This gives the students 7 whole days to practice their words, 7 whole days to READ and complete the Scholastic News, and 7 whole days to READ our story in Imagine it and complete the accompanying worksheets (ELA packets). We also have class time Tuesday-Thursday to work on all of these tasks! So, there is no additional homework than what I assign in class **OTHER** than read for pleasure for 20 minutes.

Calling Volunteers! We need help! We need to build a classroom scarecrow for the Notus Harvest Festival on October 20th. I need someone to help us build a portable scarecrow by the deadline of October 18th. Maybe the kids could come up with design ideas and then we gather items and build it? Please email me if you are interested in heading this project! See the attached flyer for all the details.



THE MORE
CHILDREN READ,
THE MORE THEIR
VOCABULARIES
GROW.

(Cunningham & Zibulsky, 2013,
Kuhn, et. al, 2006; Allington, 2012,
2009; Baumann, 2009)

read! Anytime.
Anywhere.
Anyhow.

Events Calendar!

October 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Spelling Test Turn in ELA Packet work PTO meeting 6:00 pm			All October Birthdays Celebration 3:00 pm Spirit Day Popcorn sales		
7	Spelling Test Turn in ELA Packet work Turn in Scholastic News			V.I.P Luncheon Snack Shack		
14	Spelling Test Turn in ELA Packet work Turn in Scholastic News			Scarecrow project to be picked up Popcorn sale		Notus Harvest Festival
21	Spelling Test Turn in ELA Packet work Turn in Scholastic News					
28	Spelling Test Turn in ELA Packet work Turn in Scholastic News Hot Air Balloon Visit!					



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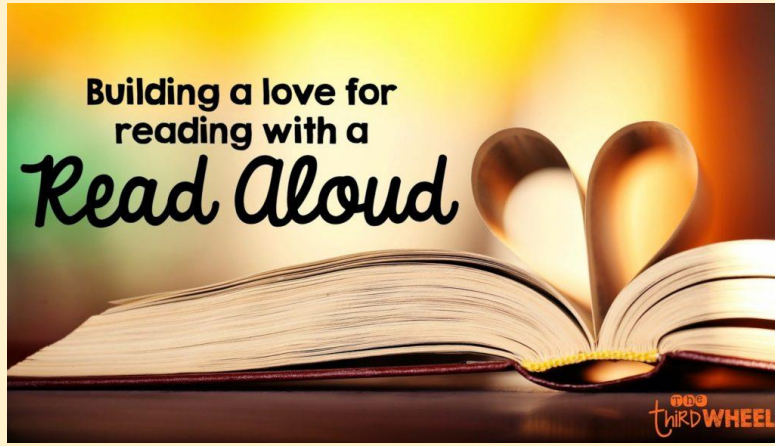
Scholastic Book Clubs

I typically send in a Scholastic book order on the 26th of each month. The website is <https://clubs.scholastic.com>

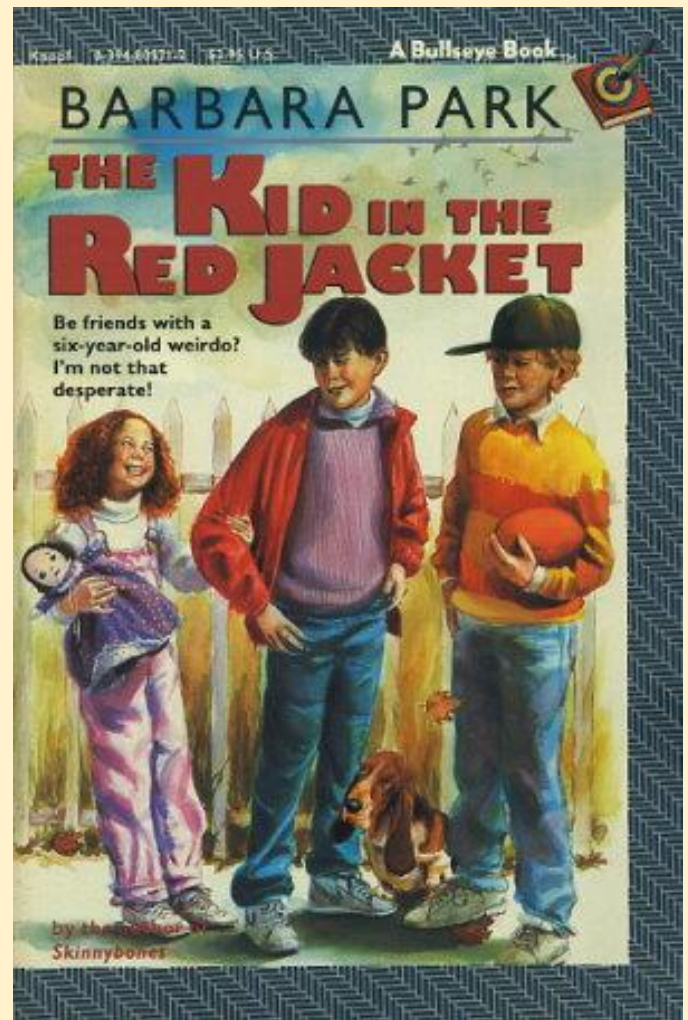
Your Class Code
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5th grade:
scholastic.com/sn56
4th grade:
scholastic.com/sn4
Class Code: rockstar11
for both grades!



The Kid in The Red Jacket is a hilarious book. It is about a boy named, Howard who moves to a new town and has friend problems in school. Howard is excited to meet someone new. He finally meets someone and that someone is named Molly, a girl about five years old who lives next door.



To grow as a reader, we have to read books that help us build new vocabulary and builds on reading strategies. If you are not sure if a novel is appropriate, use the 5 Finger rule (Reading Rockets, 2018):

- Choose a book that you think you will enjoy.
- Read the second page.
- Hold up a finger for each word you are not sure of, or do not know.
- If there are five or more words you did not know, you should choose an easier book or read it with an adult.
- Still think it may not be too difficult? Use the five finger rule on two more pages.



I want to celebrate students who read a novel cover to cover! I am strongly encouraging students to complete a small presentation on books they read. It is optional but will be rewarded with something the student values. The presentation can be a Powerpoint, a model, a diorama, poster, any project they can dream up and you are willing to fund and transport! I highly encourage creativity! I believe this will totally inspire a classroom of avid readers!