



October 2008

Dear Parents,

Thank you for attending Back to School Night last month. We were very happy to share our classrooms with you. We hope you found the presentation informative and helpful. We look forward to meeting you again at our Goal Setting Conference this month. Don't forget to send in your letter about your child, if you haven't already done so. We would like to receive these prior to conferences.

Attached is a list of the 200 most frequently used words in writing. This is the same list from which many of the Core Spelling Words are taken. Please save the attached list, along with the weekly spelling lists, at home. Be sure to keep these lists handy for your child to use when he/she is doing homework. When writing, we want the students to first focus on fluency. This means getting their ideas down on paper. When their work has been completed, they should reread and make the necessary corrections after checking for the following:

1. Does it make sense? Did I include everything I wanted to say?
2. Have I used capital letters where needed?
3. Have I used correct punctuation?
4. Are my words spelled correctly? (Use the list of 200 words to check.)

This year, Westwood will participate in the **"Book It" reading incentive program** sponsored by Pizza Hut. Second grade students who complete the 15 minutes of reading as part of their homework each night will receive a coupon for a free individual pizza at the end of the month. It is important that students remember to write the title of the book and that you sign it after the reading has been completed. If this is not completed on the homework contract for each night, then the student will not qualify for the Pizza Hut coupon for that month. In addition, your signature next to each day on the contract indicates that you have checked your child's homework to see that it is correct AND complete.

As the year gets underway, we appreciate your support in helping your child develop responsibility with homework, school supplies, library books, and coming to school on time, rested and ready to learn!

Sincerely,

The Second Grade Team

**Dates To Remember:**

Friday, October 3

Monday, October 13

Wednesday, October 15

Monday, October 20- Friday, October 24

Thursday, October 23

Monday, October 27- Friday, October 31

Ice Cream Social

No School for students (Staff Development)

Walk to School Day

Minimum Days (1:15 Dismissal)

No School for students due to conferences

Red Ribbon Week

Thank  
You