



# T.J.E. Shark Bites

A weekly newsletter for the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade at Thelma Jones Elementary • Mansfield Independent School District

Second Six Weeks • Week 13 • November 16-20

## Important News

Thank you for participating in our canned food drive for November. Our objective was to have our children learn to help others in need. Each class collected a specific item for the food baskets. We are happy that so many gave so that others would have a nice holiday meal.

Testing-We have finished the first of our standardized testing (CoGat) and will proceed with the ITBS testing this Tuesday and Wednesday. Make sure your child has a good night's sleep and a good breakfast each day to help with concentration.

Our field trip to Mainstay Farm is approaching and we are excited. December 3 will be a day of learning and fun. Be sure to watch the weather, so that your student will be dressed appropriately!

Ongoing learning: The days of counting on fingers is gone. Students need to practice their basic math facts everyday. Make it a point of quizzing in the car, working with flash cards, or practicing by computer games or drill to help your child have these facts down. We will be doing more difficult math operations and knowing these facts will help them.

We wish you joy, peace, and thanksgiving during our holiday break week!

## Spelling

We will have a high frequency word list this week. These are the next 15 words off of the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade word list provided by the district.

1. run
2. sure
3. while
4. carry
5. dress
6. full
7. keep
8. order
9. should
10. tree
11. always
12. cold
13. fast
14. happy
15. money

## Math

This week we will be working on Topic 6. This topic focuses on Mental Addition. We will be adding tens and ones in our heads and using a hundreds chart as an aide.

### **At Home Activities:**

Say a number to your child and have them tell you what number is 10 more than that number. Then try other increments of 10.

## Language Arts

We will not have a story of the week due to GT testing. We will, however use what is left of our Language Arts time to practice our writing skills and review past Language Arts concepts and skills. We will also read Thanksgiving Stories and discuss the history of Thanksgiving.

We will have a spelling list, which has 15 more high frequency words.

Please continue to read nightly with your child.

## Science

We will begin science in 3 weeks.

## Social Studies

We will start our Unit called "Our Country Today." This topic includes studying the government and its parts, how to be a good citizen, and voting.