

# NEWSLETTER

## News and Notes

### Fall Party

Monday, November 21

1:30 - 2:30

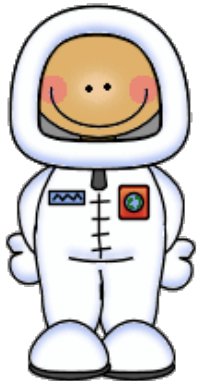
Parents are welcome to join us under the pavilion for some fun and games with Mrs. Jackson's class.

Mrs. Perry should be contacting you soon about sending in supplies for the party.

### Smiley Math

On Monday, we started our first Smiley Math lesson. A big thank you to Mrs. Bradley for volunteering to teach this program!

We are using Smiley Math this year as our math enrichment program. Smiley Math is very similar to Sunshine Math. Your child will bring home a Smiley Math paper every Monday. Papers are due at the end of the week.



### Run For Fundz

Great job on the Run for Fundz!! The Rockets were in **first place** for the amount of pledges. Remember, keep collecting your pledges. All pledge money is due on this Thursday, November 10.



### Elves' Shelves Shopping

Wednesday, December 6

Students, start saving your money! We will be shopping at the Elves' Shelves on December 6. There are a lot of great items to choose from. Most items cost between \$1 and \$3. This is a great opportunity for students to purchase items for family and friends.

### Things We Need

- **Pringle's cans**-- empty and rinsed out
- Someone to cut some wooden circles. If you have the time and the tools, we will provide the wood. Let me know if you can help.

## Spelling Styles

Learning to spell involves much more than memorization alone. Most students can become competent spellers if they use ways that are compatible with their learning styles. These studying techniques are also useful for learning in other areas. For example, you can use these strategies to learn vocabulary words and multiplication facts. Choose the style that feels most comfortable for you.

### Visual Style

1. Choose one word from your list. Look at the word: say it aloud, pronouncing all the sounds.
2. Close your eyes and "see it."
3. Open your eyes and write the word.
4. Check for accuracy and write it again in another color.
5. Look **up** to the **left** and "see" the word in a bright color.
6. Hide your written sample. Write again. Check for accuracy.
7. Hide your sample. Write again in another color. Check.
8. Repeat these steps with all the other words.

### Auditory Style

1. Choose one word off your list. Say the word.
2. Sound it out, saying each letter or blend.
3. Spell it aloud. Write it as you spell it aloud.
4. Check for accuracy. Write again. Check.
5. Sing the letters to the tune of a song you know.
6. Say each letter clearly or blend slowly.
7. Repeat these steps with all the other words.

### Tactile-Kinesthetic Style

1. Look at the word. Trace it with your index finger. Say the letters.
2. Draw a box around the word that follows the letter shapes. Notice what the drawing reminds you of.
3. Write the word in shaving cream, salt on a paper plate, finger paint, pudding, etc.
4. Punch out the letters in the air. Say a letter with each punch.
5. Sing, act, or dance the word (in your mind is OK).
6. Use your finger to write the words on a piece of sandpaper while saying them aloud.
7. Write the word in the air. Write it on paper and check for accuracy.
8. Hide your written sample. Write again. Check for accuracy.
9. Repeat these steps with all the other words.

## Calendar

### **November 10, 2011**

Veteran's Day Holiday.

### **November 16, 2011**

Southeast Region test.

### **November 17, 2011**

Science test "Gravity"

### **November 21, 2011**

Fall Party

### **November 23-25, 2011**

Thanksgiving Holidays.

### **December 1, 2011**

Early Release

## This Week:

### **READING**

Unit 2 Review

### **MATH**

Modeling Division.

### **SCIENCE**

Sun and the Stars.

What is Gravity?

### **SOCIAL STUDIES**

Southeast region.

### **LANGUAGE ARTS**

Action Verbs.

Expository Writing.

Joining lowercase cursive letters.