

# Mr. Derby's Second Grade

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Dear Student and Family,

I am receiving increasing amounts of phone calls during the day with changes to after-school plans for students. Please try to make sure your child knows what the plan is before school so our classroom learning time is not interrupted with phone calls and notes from the office.

Throughout the year, companies provide certificates to use as rewards. Rather than singling out specific students, I just put these certificates in all students' Thursday brown envelopes. Last week there were Chick-fil-A and this week there are Qdoba certificates.

Next Monday and Tuesday afternoons we will be taking our Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) tests for reading and math. These tests provide information about how students are progressing, and I use the information to help guide my instruction for individual students throughout the year. It is very important that all students be at school Monday and Tuesday next week for these tests.

~ Mr. Derby

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Homework Due Tomorrow:
  - **Math:** HomeLinks 2.3 (Doubles Facts) and 2.4 (Turn Arounds, Doubles, and +9's)
  - **Spelling:** Short u words. Write each word two times on the paper provided and complete the worksheets.
- End of First Quarter - October 13
- Parent Conferences - October 19 and 20

## Person of the Week

### Connor

My name is Connor. I'm the oldest child. Kaleb is my brother. Kenzie is my sister. Tacos are my favorite food. I'm going to play basketball this fall. My favorite subject is math. I had fun at New Mexico this summer. I have a dog named Sam.

## Birds

We are continuing our study of vertebrates the next few weeks by looking at birds. We have an incubator with chicken eggs in our classroom. This is to help us study the life cycle of a bird. We are also inquiring into the characteristics of birds. Last, we are working on bird reports. Each student is researching a bird of their choice at school and we are working on writing a report. If your child is interested in finding more information at home and bringing it to school, that is fine as well.