

# Mr. Derby's Second Grade

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Dear Student and Family,

As an IB school, we encourage students to be involved in their education; sharing their knowledge with others, knowing their strengths and weaknesses, and reflecting upon what they are learning. One of the ways we can include students in their own education is through student involved conferences. I have done student involved conferences for three years now and really see the benefits in the classroom. We will be doing student involved conferences in our classroom this year. **This means that your child will come to the conference with you to share what he or she is learning.** Conferences are on October 19 and 20. We will take time the next couple weeks in class to prepare for these conferences.

~ Mr. Derby

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Homework Due Tomorrow:
  - **Math:** HomeLinks 2.6 (Domino Facts) and 2.9 (Name-Collection Boxes) and practice with the Fact Triangles.
  - **Spelling:** The vowel sound in "ball." 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

### Zuri

My name, Zuri means "beautiful" in the African language Swahili. I have a 5 year old sister named Trinity and will have a newborn sister in a few weeks. My favorite food is watermelon. I like to play soccer. Art is my favorite subject in school. One adventure I took this summer was to the Butterfly Pavilion. My pets at home are tropical fish and a big, fat cat named Wilson.

## Birds

We continue to work on bird reports this week. 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.

## OCTOBER READING

Please keep track of at-home reading this month on the paper that was sent home earlier this week. Once your child has read 100 minutes, he or she should return the paper to school and pick up a new one. We will keep track of every hundred minutes students read on pumpkins here at school.