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# IMPORTANT DATES

May 14th = Runge Field Trip 9-2:30pm

May 26th = No School: Memorial Day

May 28th = Poetry Café 1:20-2:20

May 29th = Minute to
Win It Games (more
details to
come...volunteers will
be needed)

June 5th: Last day of school Early Dismissal at 12:50pm



## Information and Events

- \* <u>Planetarium Field Trip:</u> Team Ronzio had a fun time watching a video about that it would be like to live on the moon. Ask your child what they enjoyed about the Planetarium trip.
- \* <u>Homework Club</u>: For the month of May, Team Ronzio has a homework club. Everyone is included in the club. However if a student forgets or does not turn in their homework the day it is due, they are no longer in the homework club. For those who stay in the club for the entire month of May, a celebration will take place in room 202 during lunch.
- \* Runge Field Trip: On Wednesday, May 14th, Paxton Keeley's second grade will go on their last field trip of the year to Runge Nature Center in Jefferson City. We will also enjoy a picnic lunch at North Jefferson Recreational Area. As the date gets closer, keep an eye out for the weather and make sure to dress appropriately! Thank you to all of our parents who volunteered to be chaperones.
- \* <u>Poetry Cafe:</u> As we finish up opinion writing, Team Ronzio will start studying and writing various types of poems. We will have a poetry café where students will read either their favorite poem or a poem they wrote. This will occur on Wednesday, May 28th from 1:20-2:20pm. In the café we will have snacks and drinks for the students and parents/guardians. I will need volunteers to help me set up the classroom while the students are at specials (12:45ish). Please e-mail me if you are interested in helping to set up...If you already e-mailed me, thank you! I have your name on a list and you will be receiving more information as the date gets closer.:)
- \* Minute to Win It: All of second grade will be celebrating the end of the year by participating in Minute to Win It games during the morning of Thursday, May 29th. We will need volunteers to help set up, run, and clean up the games. More information will come later.



<u>Math</u>: In math Team Ronzio continued our measurement unit discussing standard units of measurement. Students went on scavenger hunts around the room with rulers to measure different lengths of inches, centimeters, and feet. Team Ronzio also partnered up to solve measurement problems and defend their thinking to the class in a math congress.

<u>Writing</u>: We continue to work on opinion pieces during our writing workshop. This week Team Ronzio completed an author study of Mo Willems. We read <u>Knuffle Bunny Free</u>, <u>Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs</u>, and I <u>Love My New Toy!</u> After reading we took notes on what we liked about each book. Then Team Ronzio wrote an opinion piece about their favorite book of the three. These writings were <u>WONDERFUL!</u> We also worked on a mother's day writing gift.

Reading: During reading this week, student took the District Reading Assessment (DRA). This test will continue through next week as well. Team Ronzio also completed the STAR reading assessment.

<u>Science</u>: Team Ronzio started researching their ocean plants and animals this week. Students will begin to make organisms to display in the hallway. We also learned about various animal adaptations such as camouflage, armor/weaponry, bright colors, and mimicry.

<u>Word Study</u>: We continued working with contractions this week. Students were tested over contractions that combined no excuse words on Thursday.