Mrs. Martin's Newsletter

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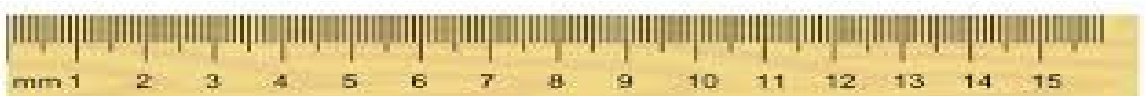

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Literacy updates:

We are working on Elements of Fiction in class. Ask your child about the story structure of a Fiction book. When you are reading at home, identify the problem and the turning point in the story. We also have been listening closely to what we think the author's message is or what we are to learn from the book. Sequencing the order of events is a great skill to practice as well.

It's been fun to see what each child is sharing from their purple bags! We should get through everyone by mid next week.

Math updates:

We will take the MAP math test on October 10th and 11th during our math workshop hour. MAP stands for the **m**easurement of **a**cademic **p**rogress. (2nd grade is the first time they take this, and they will continue on through middle school). What the test does is asks questions that may be very easy for them or very hard. Based on how they answer, the test will give similar questions that will increase or decrease in difficulty. The results give an idea of where there are performing nationally and within our own district. We base our instruction off this as well. There is nothing to prepare for, and definitely nothing to worry about. We will talk about their scores at their first conference in November.

General information:

1. Our set Library day / Check out schedule is going to be Tuesdays from 1:15 - 1:45.

2. Be sure to empty your child's take home folder daily. Many are coming back with the same papers still inside.

3. I still am missing a few, so...If you have not turned in your $10.00 supply fee, please send in *cash* next week.