



# Bear News

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Mrs. Burkett's Weekly Newsletter

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## The Math Minute:

- The test for Topic 1 will take place on Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. For the test, the students need to be proficient at:
  1. Counting objects
  2. Identifying parts of a number - ●●●○○=5
  3. Solving addition number stories (story problems).
  4. Identifying the missing addend -  $4 + \underline{\quad} = 8$ .
  5. Identifying and illustrating the vocabulary words for Topic 1. All those vocabulary words have been in the previous issues of this newsletter.
- Please have your child go over the +2/-2 facts every night. There will be two more practice tests on Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup>. The real test, with the grade going in Progress Book, will take place on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. Remember it is a timed test and students must get at least an 80% in order to pass the standard.
- Please remember, the students know several games to help them learn their math facts. They are:
  1. **Flash card drill** - just going through the flash cards and saying the answer aloud.
  2. **The Dice Game** - roll 2 dice and count the total number of dots shown. Say that number and add two to it. I want the children to say the entire problem though. So, if they roll a 6, they should say; six plus two equals eight.
  3. **BINGO** - the students brought home an "Addition BINGO +2" card earlier this week. Show the flash card or say the fact; students cover the answer on the BINGO card. Students have

BINGO if they have all 5 squares going down filled in or the entire card is filled in.

4. **Deck of Cards** - we used a standard deck of cards, minus the jokers. The numbered cards are used just the way they are. We then made the Ace worth 1, the Jack worth 11, the Queen worth 12 and the King was any number from 0-12 that the kids wanted. Students then flipped over a card and stated the entire problem with the answer. So if a Queen was the card that was flipped, they would say - "twelve plus two is fourteen".
5. **Bear Fun Game** - this is a game board that we made in class. The directions for the game are printed on the inside of the game board.
6. **Concentration Game** - I made another set of flash cards that just had the answers on them. Students then had to turn over two cards. They had a match if the answer card they turned over matched the fact they had.

## The Social Studies Sampler:

- We will be studying "Citizenship" for the next several weeks.

## Mrs. Burkett's Homeroom Happenings:

- Students do not have school on Monday. The teachers have an Inservice Day.
- The evacuation DRILL that was cancelled this week due to rain, will be on Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> in the morning. This is when we all evacuate the building and walk to the church that is across the road. Maple Ave. will be blocked off while the students are crossing the road for their safety.
- We will have our Fire Prevention Assembly on Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>.
- The signed copy of the interim is due by Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>.
- We will celebrate Maegen's birthday on Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. Her special day is Saturday, the 15<sup>th</sup>.
- The October book order is due on Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. Ordering is optional.