



Noticias de Segundo Grado

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Boo! :

I wanted to share a resource I have just found. This website allows you to type in the title of any book and it gives you a reading level for the book. To find the reading level, just look under the title and author to where it shows "BL:" and then a number. The number is the grade level. For example, "BL: 2.9" would be end of 2nd grade and "BL: 3.1" would be the beginning of 3rd grade. The other neat thing about this site is that you can type in the title of the book in English and on the left hand side there is a menu to refine your search. Under "Language" there is often English and Spanish. If you click on Spanish it will bring up the Spanish title. Just thought it may be helpful. I'm also going to share it with parents in my next newsletter.

<http://www.arbookfind.com/UserType.aspx>

Homework:

Based on some feedback I received from parents at conferences, I will be changing the homework assigned each night. Here is an outline. Let me know if you have any questions:

- Students should read 4 nights a week for 15 minutes each night. They should read 2 nights in English and 2 nights in Spanish, unless other options were suggested during conferences. They can take any books from my library and also will be taking home A-Z books each night, which can be read on Spanish reading nights.

- A packet for the math homework will come home on Monday. This will be returned to school on Friday.
- Students should practice the basic math facts each week for at least 20 minutes. This could be using flashcards, the fact family triangles, any online math game that involves the basic facts, such as <http://www.learningplanet.com/sam/sm/index.asp> , or any basic facts worksheets you can print online. Here is a resource for that: <http://www.lizardpoint.com/math/> . The basic facts are just addition and subtraction problems with numbers up to 10.

Lice:

I know that some of you have been busy treating this problem during the break. I just wanted to let you know that I looked to see how long the little critters can live without a host, to see if our classroom rugs may have been infested. It appears that they can only live for up to 3 days on their own, so by the time the kids come back to school any that were left in the classroom will have died.

Conferences:

Thank you for attending your child's conference. It was great to meet with each of you this week!

Coming Up:

- October 21st - McDonald's Night
- October 27th - Picture Retakes
- October 28th - Late Start
- October 31st - Classroom Halloween Fiesta
- November 10th - PTO Meeting

- November 15th - Barnes and Noble Fundraiser
- Novemebr 18th - Late Start
- November 20th - PTO Family Night
- November 21st - End of 1st Trimester
- November 26th -28th No school for Thanksgiving Break