



# Second Grade Newsletter



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## Mark Your Calendar

- November 2 No School- Teacher Professional Day
- November 6 Cultural Arts Assembly
- November 11 Parent Coffee and Early Release - Parent Conferences
- November 12 Dine Out with PTA and Early Release - Parent Conferences
- November 13 Quarter 1 Awards Assembly 10:30-11:30
- November 18 Field Trip- Strathmore Music Hall
- November 25 Early Release- Thanksgiving
- November 26-27 No School - Thanksgiving

## REMINDERS.....

- Word Study Spelling words come home every two weeks. Note: There are more simplified activities on the back of the homework sheet. Please sign and return these weekly.
- Please continue to make sure your child returns his or her Book Club bag daily. This bag includes any guided reading books, blue reading logs and other resources used in classroom instruction.
- Please remember to review and check your child's Math homework. Remind your child to double check his/her work to be sure he/she understands the concept. Math homework is given every night (except on weekends and holidays) and is due the next day to the Math teacher.

**New News!** Your child has been reading for 15 minutes each night as part of his/her homework. Books include those chosen from a classroom library, the media center, or a guided reading book. Goshen is joining "Book It", which is a reading incentive program sponsored by Pizza Hut. Simply color the attached calendar with the days your child read for 15 minutes. Students will return the calendars at the end of the month to homeroom teachers and receive their certificate for a free personal pan pizza from Pizza Hut. The program runs until the end of March. Happy Reading and enjoy your free pizza!

## Math

We will begin geometry this month. Students will be working on geometric shapes and classifying them by attributes. We will identify solid figures, and plane shapes.

### Math Unit Two Vocabulary:

Line of symmetry	Symmetry
Flip	Slide
Turn	Corner
Side	Attribute
Base	Edge
Face	Rectangular prism
Vertex (vertices)	Sphere
Cone	Cylinder
Pyramid	Cube

## Science

We will continue our unit on balancing and weighing, students will identify:

- Position of weight*
- Amount of weight*
- Position of fulcrum*

As students use "equal-arm" balances to compare four to six objects, they will develop strategies for placing them in serial order from lightest to heaviest.



# Reading

We have begun to work on strategies related to **non-fiction (reading to be informed)**.

Students will identify text features such as:

- Table of contents
- Labeled pictures or photographs
- Index
- Glossary
- Charts, tables and graphs
- Labeled maps
- Caption

Please look in your child's book club bag for these nonfiction books and a list of other text features. Encourage him/her to find text features in other books chosen for independent reading.



# Writing

Our writing focus is "writing to inform". We will be able to use the writing process to develop an informative paragraph that groups important facts from one or more textual resources. We will use strategies related to non-fiction from Book Club when creating our individual booklets with chapters and a table of contents, as well as other text features we've studied while reading to be informed.

## SOCIAL STUDIES:

IN THIS UNIT, STUDENTS CONTINUE THEIR STUDY ON GEOGRAPHY. STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY PHYSICAL AND HUMAN-MADE FEATURES AND THE REGIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THEM.

### GEOGRAPHY VOCABULARY:

PHYSICAL FEATURES		LANDMARK
HUMAN-MADE FEATURES	GULF	TEMPERATURE CLIMATE
LAKE	RIVER	OCEAN
PENINSULA	MOUNTAINS	LANDFORM
GLOBE	EQUATOR	NORTH POLE
SOUTH POLE		



SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL  
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