



# 2nd Grade News

## **Reading News!!**

During the month of October, we will be focusing on "digging deeper" into story elements (characters, setting, problem, and solution). This means we will be asking questions like, "How does the relationship between the characters affect the events in the story?" "How does the setting affect the events in the story?" The students will be building their vocabulary with each book we read. Please talk with your child about what words might mean, as you read with your child at night. We will also be exploring nonfiction books. The students will be identifying text features and the main idea of informational books. We will also focus on being able to tell what the author's important

message is in a story or poem. Keep reading each night at home!! It really helps with their progress in school. You should be seeing homework from Book Club each week. The personal narrative writing comes home every Tuesday and is due back at school every Friday. The Language Arts Packet comes home every Monday and students should do the "starred" pages. Spelling tests are every other Friday. The students have a goal of being able to identify sight words. Look for practice sheets/cards to come home. Practicing these sight words really helps them reach their goals here at school. Thanks for your continued support at home!!



**Science:** In science, we are continuing to examine how weight effects balance. Your children are using the words balance, weight, and fulcrum to describe why an object balances or does not balance. We will be creating an equal arm balance in class and students will be describing weight in terms of balance through journal writing.



**Social Studies:** In social studies we are identifying the rights and responsibilities of citizens and about the voting process. We will be learning about laws and responsibilities. Also discuss with them ways that you as a family can help your community.



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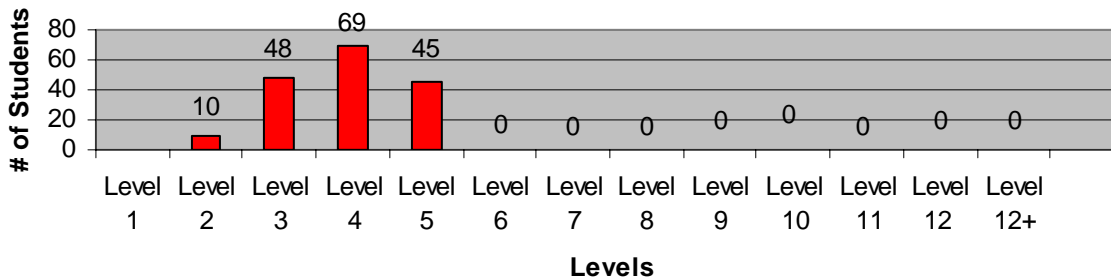


## **Important Dates**

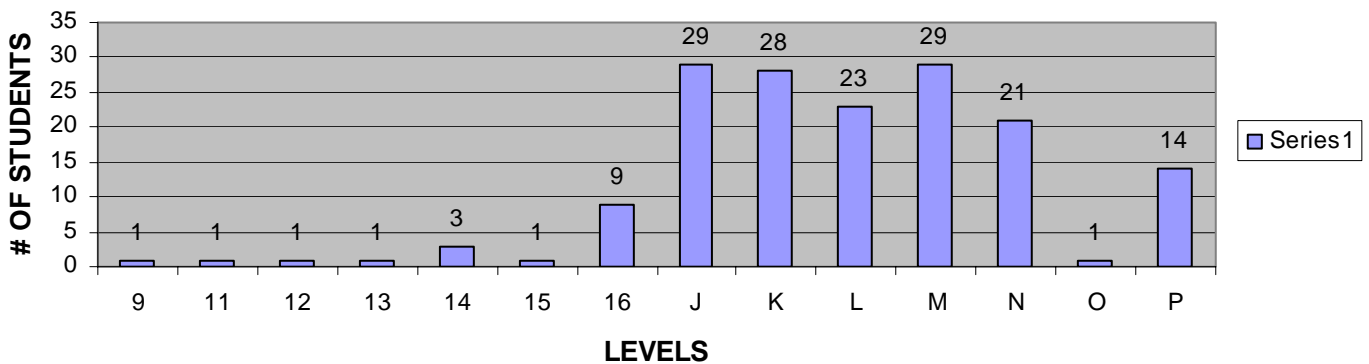
- **October 12:**  
Open House
- **October 2nd:**  
Early Release  
Day for students
- **October 16th:**  
No School
- **October 30th:**  
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## Second Grade Basic Facts Math Levels (as of 10/1)



## SECOND GRADE READING LEVELS (as of 10/1)



**Remember** to support your children in their study of basic math facts. Children should be studying basic math facts in addition and subtraction every night. Using basic fact flash cards is very useful in helping them to study. Make a game of it and study with them. Basic facts are very important to students' success in second grade math.



### November Conferences

Don't forget to sign up for teacher/parent conferences coming up in November.



"We do not inherit the earth  
from our ancestors, we borrow it  
from our children"

*Iroquis Indian Nation*



Homework should take your child about 30 minutes each night, not including 15 minutes of reading or being read too. If HW is taking longer, please contact your child's teacher.