



What's Going On In Second Grade?

Here's what we will be learning in quarter one:

Reading:

- * We will read for a literary experience. We will identify strategies good readers use before, during, and after reading.
- * We will make connections to characters and events in stories
- * We will identify story elements.
- * We will be writing for personal expression by learning about personal narratives.
- * We will begin to identify text features in informational books.

Math:

Unit 1: Data Analysis, Place Value, and Patterns

- * We will gather, organize, and interpret data in tally charts, pictographs, and bar graphs.
- * We will identify missing numbers in a sequence to 100.
- * We will compare and order whole numbers by using $<$, $>$, and $=$.
- * We will identify numbers as being even or odd and make generalizations to determine what makes a number even or odd.
- * We will model multi-digit numbers.
- * We will read and write words that represent numbers less than 1,000.

A Look Ahead

The Math study guides will be sent home prior to the end of each math unit assessment.



Halloween parties will soon be upon us. If you are interested in helping to plan your child's class party please contact the classroom teacher.

- * We will express 2- and 3-digit numbers in expanded notation.
- * We will recognize, describe, extend, and create patterns.
- * We will use patterns to continue numerical sequences and identify the rule.



Science:

- * We will begin to learn about the relationship between balance and weight.
- * We will discover how the position of a fulcrum affects balance.

Social Studies:

Our first unit is titled "Political Systems in Action"

- * We will establish rules that will help us be successful second graders.
- * We will examine the rules in a democratic society
- * We will learn the geographic boundaries and characteristics of the United States

Important Dates:

1. Sept. 28—No School; Yom Kippur
2. Oct. 2 — Half Day for grading and planning
3. Oct. 9 — Interim Reports sent home
4. Oct. 12—Open House
5. Oct. 16 — No School; MSTA Convention
6. Nov. 2 — No School; Report card preparation
7. Nov. 11 and 12 — Half days; parent/teacher conferences

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Things to Practice:

- ☺ Basic facts!
- ☺ Becoming a fluent reader by reading every night!
- ☺ Spelling
- ☺ Using good capitalization and punctuation.

Reminders:

Check your child's **Thursday** folder for important papers!

Bring your Homework Folder to school every day!!!

Sign up for conferences at Back to School Night!

Coming Soon:

Watch for a mid-quarter interim report to come home in your child's Homework Folder on October 9th.



