

2nd Grade News

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Reading

We are continuing to focus on nonfiction text. We are using before, during and after reading questioning to help us comprehend the text and keep us focused on what we are reading. We are also identifying text features and how we gain specific information from them. Please ask your child to explain the different text features that we have learned about and the information they give us.

Math

In math, we are continuing our focus on developing a strong and fluent number foundation. We have been studying 2-digit addition problems, using strategies to “compose a ten,” as well as 2-digit subtraction problems, which sometimes require us to “decompose a ten.” Please encourage your child to explain how he or she has arrived at his or her answer when completing math homework!

Social Studies

In Social Studies we have discussing natural, physical, and human made features to classify geographic characteristics of Earth. The students have used a variety of maps and globes to locate different places on Earth. They have made their own maps using a variety of map elements.

Science

Students will arrange and rearrange parts to identify and describe how parts of an object work together. Students will ask and answer questions about changes made to the parts of objects.

Writing

Our writing concentration continues to be on creating “All-About” books. Students are working toward publishing their own “All-About” book, complete with a Table of Contents, heading, and diagrams.



REMINDER!

Please encourage your child to have a “Backpack Book” to read as they wait to enter their classroom in the morning. Both fiction and non-fiction books are acceptable, and welcome!