

2ND Grade Newsletter



November 2011

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that the first quarter is over. The kids have adjusted to second grade and are working hard.

Our reading focus for this month will be *reading to be informed*. The students will use before, during and after reading strategies to navigate through expository (nonfiction) text. We will use text features (captions, labels, table of contents, indexes, bold print etc.) to help us understand the text. Good readers automatically ask questions before, during and after reading. Questioning helps readers monitor whether they are comprehending as they read and helps them better understand what they read. As your child reads, encourage them to ask questions to help monitor comprehension.

In writing, we will focus on *descriptive writing*. We will be writing using descriptive adjectives, verbs, adverbs and comparisons.

We are well under way with our spelling program. As with reading and math, spelling work is also differentiated. The students are learning high frequency words, spelling patterns and personal words taken from their writing. Please note that spelling lists will be sent home every Monday of a five day school week. Please use the list to practice and study each night for the test on Friday.

In math we will be working on *adding two- and three digit numbers, with and without regrouping*. Please continue to work on practicing

math facts with your child. The students have done a great job of monitoring their own math facts progress.

Our new social studies topic is about maps and globes. Your child will be learning to identify the seven continents and the oceans of our world. They will also be learning to read maps.

Thanks to all who helped out at the annual Halloween Brooke Grove Parade and parties. A good time was had by all!

We have a field trip to the National Philharmonic Concert at the Music Center at Strathmore coming up. The date is Friday, November 18. There is no cost for this trip. No parent chaperones will be used on this trip.

Have a great month and wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.

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