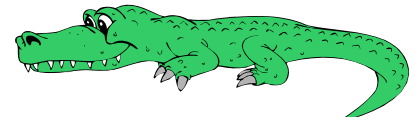


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### Coming Events

**December 1<sup>st</sup>**

- **Picture Make Up Day**

**December 2<sup>nd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>**

- **Book Fair**

**December 5<sup>th</sup>**

- **Interims Go Home**

**December 6<sup>th</sup>**

- **PTA Meeting- 6:30 P.M.**

**December 14<sup>th</sup>**

- **Field Trip to Imagination Stage- 9:30-12:30**

**December 23<sup>rd</sup>**

- **Winter Sing and HS Band at Gibbs**

**December 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>st</sup>**

- **Holiday Break- No School**

**January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

- **Holiday**

**January 3<sup>rd</sup> – School Resumes**

### Reading

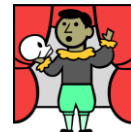
This month we will focus on: Reading for Literary Experience.

#### Independent Reading

Using, “just right” books, we are focusing on making connections, predicting, and understanding the plot, characters, and setting.

#### Reading For Literary Experience

We will begin learning about the structure of plays. Students will be reading plays and using their reading and thinking skills to identify the characters, setting, problem/solution, plot, and mood of a play. The students will also be involved in the production of a play. Look forward to their plays coming home later in the month. Remember to help them practice reading their parts fluently.



### Spelling

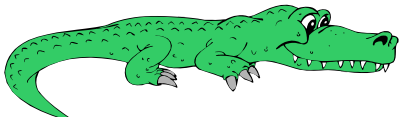
In spelling we will begin working on identifying compound words. We will work on identifying the two words that make up the compound word. We will also use these words correctly in sentences.

### Writing

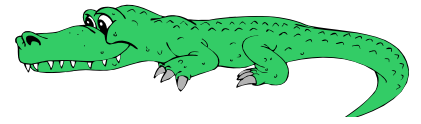
We will continue working on writing to inform.

This month we will learn:

- ❖ How writers stay on topic
- ❖ How writers revise
- ❖ How writers edit
- ❖ How writers publish their writing
- ❖ How writers sequence events
- ❖ How writers use textual evidence
- ❖ How writers illustrate and label
- ❖ How writers clarify and describe



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Our next science kit “Classifying Matter” will be arriving in the coming month. We will identify ways to classify objects using supporting evidence from investigations of observable properties.



### Social Studies

We will learn about how people lived a long time ago and compare it with how we live today. We will explore information about the Pilgrims and the Wampanoags.



### Important Notes

- Please remember that December 14<sup>th</sup> is our trip to Imagination Stage for a field trip. Students will need to pack a lunch that day.
- As the winter months approach, please remember to dress students in winter wear as outside recess will continue during these months when appropriate.



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### Thank You

Thank you for donating your non-perishable goods this last month! As we continue to build community spirit, the second grade team is grateful for the continued support!

We would also like to thank the PTA for the fabulous assemblies we’ve had this year.

