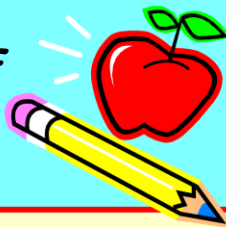




SECOND GRADE NEWSLETTER



Montgomery Knolls
Elementary School
Silver Spring, MD

Quarter 1

What have we been learning with the Curriculum 2.0 (Integrated Curriculum)?

Reading

- Story elements (characters, setting, problem, solution)
- Analyzing steps characters use to face a challenge or solve a problem
- Asking questions before, during, and after reading a book
- Comparing and contrasting versions of the same story
- Character's point of view
- Text features in informational texts

Phonics/Terra Nova 2 Skills

- Compound words,
- Identifying parts of speech
- Correcting sentences for capitalization, punctuation, spelling, etc. and rearranging and combining sentences

Science/Social Studies

- Description of earth materials: properties of rock, sand, soil, water
- Relationships among rights, responsibilities, and democratic ideas
- Multiple perspectives: conflict/compromise

Upcoming Events

- 10/21-No School, 10/31-No School
- 10/28 Quarter 1 Ends, Fall Festival
- Parent Conferences 11/10 & 11/11

Writing

- Writer's Workshop routines
- Personal Narratives
 - Brainstorming ideas
 - Using graphic organizers
 - Topics vs. details
- Opinion Writing
- Speaking and Listening (Author's Chair)

Math

- Counting within 1000
- Place value (hundreds, tens, ones)
- Expanded Form (ex. $200+40+3=243$)
- Comparison on 3-digit numbers ($<$, $>$, $=$)
- Addition and subtraction situations with unknown information
- Bar graphs and picture graphs
- Mental addition strategies (sums up to 20)

Unifying Questions

- How does demonstrating effective teamwork help you learn?
- How can asking questions or solving problems in different ways help you make sense of ideas?
- How do identifying and using different strategies help you generate ideas or solve problems?
- How does working together help you generate multiple ideas?