

Second Grade News

September 2009



Upcoming Events

September 7 – No School –
Labor Day Holiday

September 15 -
Back to School Night, 7PM

September 28 – No School –
Yom Kippur

What Are We Learning?

Welcome back!

Reading

Students will begin switching classes for reading initiative on August 29th.

We start out the year reading **fiction** books. We practice strategies such as making connections to help us better understand what we read. We also will learn about story elements. We will identify characters, setting, problem and solution, as well as use character traits to describe characters in the books we read.

Writing

Our first writing purpose of the year is **writing for personal expression**. We will be writing personal narratives that focus on something that we've done. Students will learn to become better writers by using the **Six Traits of Writing**. We also do D.O.L. practice daily to improve our writing mechanics.

Math

Unit 1 in math focuses on **place value**. Your child will identify the value of digits up to 1,000. He or she will also order and compare numbers, as well as show them in expanded notation.

Also, we continue to practice our addition and subtraction basic facts. Students are tested on them twice a week.

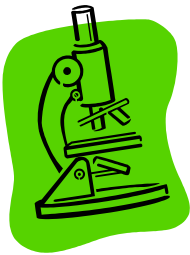
Social Studies

We begin the year learning about our rights and responsibilities in a democracy. Our classes will

identify our local and national leaders and learn what their jobs are.

Science

The first science unit is **balancing and weighing**. We will experiment with different ways to balance a variety of objects.



How can you support your child at home?

- Read nightly. Ask your child questions about what he or she has read. Encourage your child to answer in complete sentences and give support from the book.
- Practice basic fact flashcards nightly.

Reminders

Your child's Friday/Take Home folder should come to school on the first and last days of the week. Be sure to sign your child's completed homework packet every Friday.

We're looking forward to a wonderful year!

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