

Second Grade News

November 2006



Upcoming Events

November 2 – No School – Professional Day

November 11 and 12 – Early Dismissal – Parent Teacher Conference Days

November 18 – Field Trip to Strathmore

November 25- Early dismissal

November 26 and 27 – No School – Thanksgiving Holiday

What Are We Learning?

Reading

We have started reading informational texts in our classes. Students are using text features and identifying the main idea to help them find important information. Students will be using these skills to research topics independently and in small groups.

All students continue to meet daily in guided reading groups. We are focusing on completely answering questions by explaining our answers and giving examples from the text.

Writing

Our new writing purpose is writing to inform. We will start out the quarter by telling facts about places we go. In writing we are continuing to use the 6 Traits effectively in our writing.

Math

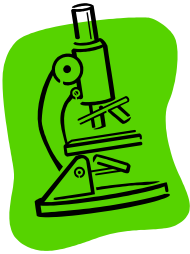
We are now beginning Unit 2 – geometry. Students will be able to identify plane and solid shapes and describe them by their attributes. We will sort shapes, and learn about symmetry, congruence and polygons. Also, we continue to practice our basic addition and subtraction facts to increase our accuracy and speed.

Social Studies

Our next social studies unit is to study the first Americans – the Native Americans. We will focus on the Wamponoag Native Americans. After learning about their lives, we will learn about their early interactions with the Pilgrims.

Science

Our current science unit is balancing and weighing. Students are experimenting with ways to balance various 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.
- Encourage your son or daughter to include details when describing things he or she has done.

Important Information

Your child will have spelling homework every week. Please check the cover sheet of the homework packet to know if it is week A or week B. On week A, your child will have homework on Tuesday and Thursday nights. The completed homework is due the next day. During week B, your child will take his or her spelling journal home on Monday and complete 3 spelling activities of their choice. Their completed spelling homework is due on Friday. Spelling tests are on Fridays of week B. Please ensure that your child is completing his or her homework consistently. Thank you for your support!

We look forward to meeting with you during parent teacher conferences this month!