

Second Grade News



Upcoming Events

October 2 – Early Release Day

October 9- Field Trip to Imagination Stage

October 12- Columbus Day- Open House

October 16 –Maryland State Teachers' Convention-No School

October 30-Marking Period Ends and Halloween Parade/Alternate Activities at 2:00

What Are We Learning?

Reading

Second graders have been placed in reading groups during reading initiative and are reading books on their level. They are learning and

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practicing many decoding and comprehension strategies to help them be successful readers. We are also continuing to identify story elements – characters, setting, problem and solution - to help us understand what we read.

Writing

We continue to focus on personal narratives. Students are using all 6 traits of writing as they develop as authors. The 6 traits we use in our writing are organization, conventions, ideas, sentence fluency, word choice and voice. We look forward to watching our writers develop!

Math

Unit 1 continues as we learn about patterns and graphing. Students will be describing and continuing increasing and decreasing numerical patterns. When graphing, students will complete a chart when gathering information, display that information in a tally

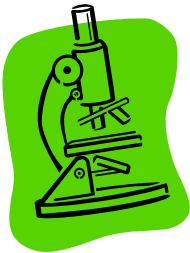
chart, and also display data in a bar graph. We will also ask and answer questions based on data shown in our graphs.

Social Studies

In addition to learning about how our democracy works, students are locating places on a US map. Students will be expected to locate landmarks and landforms such as the Gulf of Mexico, the Atlantic Ocean, the Statue of Liberty and the Gateway Arch.

Science

Our current science unit is balancing and weighing. Students are experimenting with ways to balance various objects. They are using a beam, fulcrum, and designing mobiles.



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. Every Tuesday and Thursday night, the students will bring their spelling journals home with the homework glued inside. Homework is to be completed and brought back the following day. 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!