

Second Grade News

January 2012



Upcoming Events

January 16 and 23 - No school for students

What Are We Learning?

Reading

Students are preparing for the winter Reading 3D testing by reading leveled fiction and non-fiction books and answering comprehension questions in written responses. The students have made tremendous progress since the beginning of the year, and we are confident the students will do great!

We also continue to read to perform a task by using before, during, and after reading strategies to follow all steps correctly.

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. Also, many classes are using rubrics to allow students to self-assess their work.

Writing

We are continuing writing to inform by completing our own research projects. We have began telling facts about places we go such as places to eat, shop, learn, and have fun. Students will include text features in their writing. In writing we are continuing to use the 6 Traits effectively in our writing.

Math

Students are finishing their study of addition and subtraction and are beginning

their unit on money. Students will learn how to solve word problems involving dollar bills and coins. Students will also learn to skip count by 5s, 10s, and 100's up to 1,000. Also, students will continue to practice their basic addition and subtraction facts to increase accuracy and speed.

Science

We are finishing our unit on classifying and sorting objects according to observable properties. We are about to begin our astronomy unit where we will observe and describe different aspects of the sun, moon, and stars.



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 is expected to read for 15 minutes each night. Please make sure your child is filling out their reading contract and turning it into the teacher at the end of the month. Please ensure that your child is completing his or her homework packet consistently. Thank you for your support!