

# Second Grade News



## Upcoming Events

**November 3** – Math Meeting  
at 6:30-Followed by PTA  
Meeting

**November 10 and 11** –  
Early Dismissal – Parent  
Teacher Conference Days

**November 18** – Field Trip to  
Strathmore

**November 23**-Early  
Dismissal-Thanksgiving

**November 24 and 25** – No  
School – Thanksgiving  
Holiday

## What Are We Learning?

### Reading

November 2011

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 interviewing a classmate. We will then write a paragraph to inform the class about our partner. We will also be conducting a research project on a Social Studies topic. Students will include text features in their writing. In writing we are continuing to use the 6 Traits effectively in our writing.

## **Math**

We are now beginning our unit on 2 digit addition and subtraction. Students will be able to identify and explain a variety of strategies to add and subtract. Also, we will continue to practice our basic addition and subtraction facts to increase our accuracy and speed. Finally, we will be able to solve word problems involving dollar bills, quarters, dimes, nickels, and pennies.

## **Social Studies**

Our next social studies unit is to study the first Americans – the Native Americans. We will focus on the Wampanoag Native Americans. After learning about their lives, we will learn about their early interactions with the Pilgrims. We will also be learning about the seven continents and the five main bodies of water. In this study, we will be discussing different cultures of the countries on the different continents.

## **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.