

Second Grade News



Upcoming Events

October 10- Columbus Day-
Open House

October 21 –Maryland State
Teachers' Convention-No
School

October 28- First Marking
Period Ends and Halloween
Parade/Alternate Activities at
2:00

October 31- No school for
students. Teacher
professional day.

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 practicing many decoding and

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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 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 and word form.

Also, we will continue to practice our addition and subtraction basic facts.

Students are tested on them twice a week.

In October the students will 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

We continue to learn about our rights and responsibilities in a democracy. Our classes will also identify how multiple perspectives can lead to conflict and compromise.

Science

Our current science unit focuses on water, rocks and soil. Students are exploring how different rocks and soils are the same and different and describing the characteristics of each.

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!