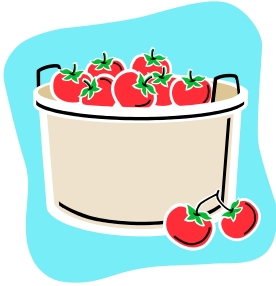


# Second Grade News

September 2011

Welcome back!



## Upcoming Events

**September 5** – No School –  
Labor Day Holiday

**September 14**  
Back-to-School Night- 6:30pm

**September 29** -  
No School-Rosh Hashanah

## What Are We Learning?

### Reading

Students will begin switching classes for reading initiative on August 30th.

We start out the year reading **fiction** books. We practice strategies such as making connections to help us better understand what we read. We also will learn about story elements. We will identify characters, setting, problem and solution, as well as use character traits to

describe characters in the books we read.

### Writing

Our first writing purpose of the year is **writing for personal expression**. We will be writing personal narratives that focus on something that we've done. Students will learn to become better writers by using the **Six Traits of Writing**. We also do Daily Oral Language (D.O.L.) practice daily to improve our writing mechanics.

### 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.

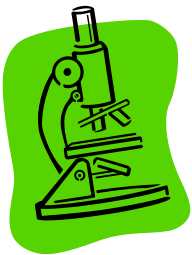
Also, we continue to practice our addition and subtraction basic facts. Students are tested on them twice a week.

## **Social Studies**

We begin the year learning about our rights and responsibilities in a democracy. Our classes will also identify how multiple perspectives can lead to conflict and compromise.

## **Science**

The first science unit is focused on the **Earth**. We will investigate properties of rocks, soil, and water.



## **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.

## **Reminders**

Your child's Friday/Take Home folder should come to school on the first and last days of the week. Be sure to

sign your child's completed homework packet every Friday.

We're looking forward to a wonderful year!

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