



# The Second Grade Source

February Newsletter

## Curriculum Update

**Reading:** The students are revisiting story elements by focusing on the characters, plot and author's purpose. They will be identifying characters' point of view and identifying how characters' respond to events and challenges.

**Writing:** This marking period the students will state an opinion, gather information, and use facts and definitions to develop points to support their opinion.

**Spelling:** All second graders have taken the winter spelling inventory to check their spelling progress. They have been regrouped and will continue to study the spelling patterns or features they need.

**Math:** We have started working with different units of measurement including centimeters, meters, feet and inches. We will continue to practice using addition and subtraction to solve different problems. By the end of the month we will start learning how to tell time to the nearest 5 minutes.

**Science:** The students have brought home a moon journal and should be observing the properties of the moon and recording their observations nightly. They will be bringing in their journals weekly to share their data. This data will be used to look at the changes of the moon over a period of time. While the children are working on their observations at home we will also be observing the changes of plants. We will investigate the natural and human changes that can effect the survival of plants.

**Social Studies:** As we start the third marking period we are learning about the effect of technology on how we live, work, and play. Towards the end of the month we will focus on the use of capital, natural, and human resources in the making of goods and services provided for people around the world.

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Important Dates in February

14 - Valentine's Day parties

2:15-3:15 pm

20th - No School

29th - School Family

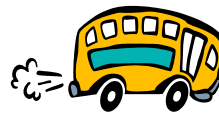
Assembly at 2:40

3:15 pm

#### Reminders:

- Please check the T.V. or radio for possible school closings or delays due to snow or ice.
- Please make sure your child dresses the weather.
- WGES students should be reading at home every day. The Six Flags Read to Succeed program should be turned in Feb. 27th . They need 6 hours of reading for a free ticket.

## Other News



### Thinking and Academic Success skills:

Throughout the third marking period, we will be working on the creative thinking skill of flexibility. Flexibility means being open and responsive to new and diverse ideas and strategies and moving freely among them.

We will also be working on the academic success skill of intellectual risk taking. Intellectual risk taking means accepting uncertainty or challenging the norm to reach a goal.

### How to Help Your Child at Home

- Go through your child's backpack and make sure all homework is being completed and all forms are being returned in a timely manner.
- Talk to and read with your child nightly.
- Practice basic addition and subtraction facts.