

**Travilah
Elementary
School**

Second Grade News!



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General Information

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IMPORTANT DATES

- April 11 - Reports Cards
- April 12 - In-House Potomac Pizza Field Trip
- April 17 - Step Afrika School Assembly
- April 19 - Imagination Stage Field Trip
- April 25 - Take Your Child to Work Day

“SPRING” BACK INTO ACTION!

As we return from Spring Break, we know with parents' help, our students will be ready to get back on track and end second grade on a successful note. There is still much learning and discovery that will take place between now and the end of the school year! The students will need to receive continued support and encouragement from our parents to help them make progress towards their academic and learning skills goals. We also anticipate upcoming field trips and look forward to sharing the enthusiasm with the students.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Please ask your child about his/her school supplies. Many school supply boxes are empty or need replenishing of supplies.

Curriculum Highlights

Reading & Language Arts

Students will explore the unique characteristics of **Poetry**. They will become familiar with the literary form and craft techniques of poetry. Students will continue to focus on their reading fluency, as they will need to be able to read their poems orally with accuracy and expression at a rate that sounds like speech. Students will answer questions about the rhythm and meaning of poems to show an understanding of poetry.



In **Writing**, students will apply the various forms of poetry and craft techniques they have learned to write for personal expression. Students will apply their knowledge of word choice and voice to describe thoughts and feelings while writing poetry.

Please encourage your child to read each night.
Reading for understanding is a basic life skill.

Mathematics:

Students will be working on adding and subtracting numbers within 1,000 using concrete models, drawings, place value strategies, and written methods.

The students will also continue to work on addition and subtraction basic facts within 20. Please review math vocabulary as well as speed and accuracy of each addition or subtraction fact.

Social Studies

Students will continue to study the topic of economics. The students will learn more about the production process using natural, capital, and human resources. The students will also continue to learn about goods and services and how to make an informed decisions.

Math Vocabulary

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 3 & + & 4 & = & 7 \\ \text{addend} & & \text{addend} & & \text{sum/total} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 7 & - & 4 & = & 3 \\ \text{minuend} & & \text{subtrahend} & & \text{difference} \end{array}$$

Science

The caterpillars are coming! The live larvae will arrive during the week of April 8th. The students will witness the life cycle from caterpillar to chrysalis to butterfly. Please discuss daily observations of these events with your child.

