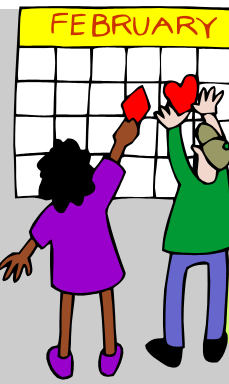


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Second Grade News!



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General Information

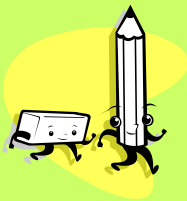
HALF WAY THERE!

We have successfully completed the first half of the school year, and our students are now preparing for third grade! In order to be sure your child is prepared, please continue to help your child set goals for academic enrichment, and for independence in all learning skills areas. Independent reading and basic facts skills should be practiced regularly to ensure success!

School Supplies Alert

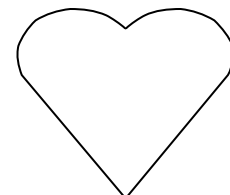
As we look forward to a Successful remainder of the year, we would like to make sure that our students are fully supplied with the necessities for success. Please speak to your child about school supplies that need to be either replaced or replenished. Many students are in need of glue sticks, pencil, and erasers.

As always, the teachers have classroom supplies of these materials.



Dates to Remember!

- Feb. 14 -Valentine's Day parties
- Feb. 18 - NO SCHOOL—Presidents' Day
- Feb. 21—Jump Rope for Heart
- Feb. 22—Early Release



Curriculum Highlights



Reading & Writing

Throughout the third quarter, students will be using their reading skills to understand how characters respond to events and challenges. Students will also recount key details in a story. We will continue our study of informational text. Students will ask and answer questions, meaning of words and phrases, and the text's main purpose. Students' vocabulary will be increased by using context clues to determine word meaning.

Have your child get into the habit of reviewing their basic facts every night!

Mathematics

Second Grade Math

We have started our study of Linear Measurement units: centimeters, meters, inches, and feet. Students will understand the relationship between the size of unit and iterations. We will continue to work on knowing addition and subtraction facts within 20 using mental strategies.

Students will also be telling time by using both an analog and digital clock. Students will tell time to the nearest five minutes, quarter past, half hour, and quarter to.

Our unit will end with the students learning about arrays. This study will include partitioning rectangles and repeated addition.

Our **WRITING** focus for this quarter is writing to persuade. Our students will be analyzing several forms of persuasive writing, such as magazine advertisements and commercials to identify specific persuasive techniques. Students will write persuasively using some of the techniques they have observed. Watch out! Some of them may try to persuade YOU!



Social Studies

We have started our Economics unit. Students will learn how technology affects daily life. Comparing past to present. We will also be studying the production process: natural, capital, and human resources. Students will be learning about goods and services and making informed decisions.

Science

We have started our Earth/Space Science unit. Students are learning about the sun, moon, and the solar system. Students will observe and describe changes over time in the properties, location, and motion of celestial objects.

Students will also be studying Life Science. We will explain the identifiable stages in the life cycle of plants and animals.