

Second Grade Newsletter

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2nd Grade Teachers

Reading Workshop



In the month of October, students will continue to work at being independent readers and taking charge of their reading by tackling tricky words they encounter. Our goal for second graders is to be resourceful and pro-active problem solvers when faced with challenging words. As a result, second graders will be reading and rereading the books in their book baggie several times to build their decoding, comprehension and fluency skills. The daily Reading Log is an essential part of their daily reading habit. Therefore, please make sure that your child fills out their log every time they read a book. **We also ask that you sign the Reading Log every day and please return the books sealed inside the book-baggie.**

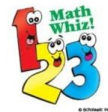
Writing Workshop



During our Narrative Writing Unit, we will be studying the books of favorite authors. We will be looking at what makes the author's writing special and then applying those skills to our own small moment writing.

We will work on the structure of narrative writing by including a strong beginning, middle and end. We will also work at adding details to our writing by including dialogue, step-by-step action, thought and show don't tell sentences.

MATH



We will be focusing on using strategies to help us solve basic addition/subtraction facts, solving word problems and explaining our answers. Please remind your child to practice the strategies he/she has learned at school when doing homework. Practice memorizing facts with them at home. Flash cards can be a great tool to help accomplish this goal!!!

Social Studies

We will focus on map skills and how our community's geography influences where people live and why. We will be using a new Social Studies Program called Passport.



SCIENCE

Unit: Animal and Plant Relationships
Investigation: What is happening to the chalta trees in the Bengal Tiger Reserve?

- ❖ In their role as plant scientists, students figure out why there are no new chalta trees growing in the Bengal Tiger Reserve.

Students investigate what chalta trees need to survive. Then they collect and analyze data to solve the mystery.

Reminders

- Please check your child's homework folder daily and take out any past notices.
- Please make sure that your child has at least 6 sharpened pencils every day.
- Please fill out and return all forms promptly.
- Please send your child to school with several layers of clothing for comfort.
- Please have your child practice tying his/her shoelaces.



Important Dates!

- **Columbus Day school closed 10/8**
- **10/11: PTA Meeting**
- **10/18: 70th Anniversary**
- **10/26: Halloween Dance**
- **10/31: March of Dimes costume walk**