Grade 2 Monthly Newsletter

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Upcoming Events:

Nov. 8th: Report Cards Distributed Nov. 22nd-24th: Thanksgiving Break

CURRICULUM UPDATES

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS:

Reading: As we begin our new unit, students will be reading both fiction and nonfiction texts. We will work on different comprehension strategies this month: making connections, visualizing, clarifying, summarizing, as well as asking & answering questions. We will also be learning about cause & effect, making inferences, main idea & details, and compare & contrast. We will also be working on long vowels and vowel teams during our phonics lessons and we will continue to read decodable text to improve our fluency.

<u>Writing</u>: This month, we will be working on "writing to inform" about a topic. Students will choose a topic they know a lot about and write to inform others about this topic. We will also focus on: complete & incomplete sentences, types of sentences and end marks, capitalization & adjectives.

MATH:

We finished up quarter one by learning how to tell time to the nearest hour/half hour as well as identify if a time of day is AM or PM based on the activity happening at that time. Students have also learned to count mixed sets of pennies, nickels, and dimes. These are two great skills to practice at home when a real-life situation comes up!

In quarter two, we will begin with a unit on place value up to 1,000. We will be reading, writing, and comparing numbers within 1,000 as well as skip counting to 1,000 by 5's, 10's and 100's. We will also work on different types of problem solving, even & odd numbers, and arrays.

<u>Tip</u>: If you have extra time, practice math facts with your child whenever possible. The more practice students get with using math facts, the more fluent they will become!

SOCIAL STUDIES:

Students will examine the ideals and values of American democracy, they will analyze responsible civic engagement and the characteristics of good citizenship. They will also think critically about what kids can do to impact the world.

PATHS UPDATES:

This month during our PATHS time second graders will continue learning about basic emotions. The goal of these lessons is to teach children that everyone experiences feelings, to help children identify, understand and discuss basic feelings and their causes, increase children's vocabulary having to do with emotions and emotional states, and to introduce the use of feeling faces (cards with faces that show emotion that we will use in the classroom).

The topics we will cover this month include: making good choices, problem solving, feeling shy or lonely, making friends, & feeling frustrated.