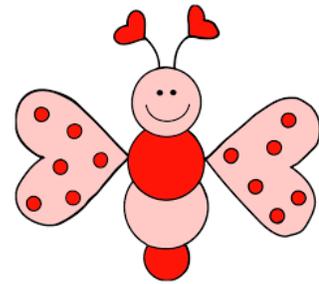


February News 2019



Second Grade Newsletter

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Reading/ELA

In February our students will continue to be engaged in character studies through series book reading. Some of the series books second graders will study are: Junie B. Jones, Cam Anderson, and Mercy Watson. The second graders have been learning what traits are and discussing the character traits of each character. They will be using graphic organizers and notebooks to collect evidence about the character from the books they read.



Writing - Opinion Pieces

In February, we will continue our opinion unit. The second graders will explore the opinion unit in connection to the characters we read about in our reading unit. The students will continue to use evidence from the text to describe a particular character. The students will also continue to learn to create their opinion of the character using evidence from the text.

Social Studies

The second grade will continue to study maps and geography by learning about rural, suburban, and urban communities. We will watch videos and read books which describe various communities. We will learn vocabulary for each community including commute, neighborhood, city, farm. The second graders will also compare and contrast communities to identify how they are similar and different.

Math - Chapters 4 & 5

In February we will begin Chapter 4, in which we learn about addition using 2 digit numbers! We will be using what we know about place value to support us in adding two digit numbers and solving problems using these numbers. We will continue with Chapter 5, in which we learn about subtraction using 2 digit numbers. In this chapter, we will learn and use strategies such as the break apart and regrouping method.

Science

In Science, students will deepen their knowledge of habitats by comparing and contrasting several habitats. We will learn the characteristics of each habitat. We will also learn about the animals and plants that live in each habitat. The students will examine the various adaptations each animal has to make it able to survive in a particular habitat.

2nd grade is also planting seeds at the hydroponic lab.

Johnny Can Spell/Word Study

In February, we continue to review the different parts of speech. Students in second grade will look for phonograms in every day words and in our daily read alouds. We will be adding more vocabulary to our word work that is connected to our units in reading, science, and social studies.

Upcoming Dates:

February 5, 2019: Lunar New Year
– School Closed

February 8, 2019: PS 147 Day –
Wear School Gear

Week of February 11, 2019:
Respect for All Week

**Monday, February 18, 2019 –
Friday, February 22, 2019:** Mid-
Winter Recess – School Closed

Monday, February 25, 2019:
School resumes

Wednesday, February 27, 2019:
Parents in the Classroom @ 8:15am
followed by PTA Meeting @ 9am

Thursday, February 28, 2019:
Character Education Assembly

JDLP

Japanese

JDLP 2nd graders are practicing how to describe their weekend activities in past tense. It is part of our morning meeting routine. Also, we are continuing to learn more Kanji letters in February.

Social Studies

In February, we are continuing to learn about our community by focusing on diverse community members, including injured people and the elderly. Second graders are working on how to create our community more inclusive for everyone. They will come up with creative solutions and design to make our community better.

Science

In Science, students will investigate why the *chalta* seeds are not getting to places where they can grow. Students will engage in a multi-day model in which they simulate dispersal of seeds via animals, measure how many seeds were dispersed to places where they are likely to grow, and analyze their result to consolidate their understanding of how some seeds get dispersed.