

March News 2019



Second Grade Newsletter

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Reading/ELA

In March our students will continue to develop their reading skills within fiction stories. The students will focus on comprehension and fluency. They will develop their comprehension skills by learning to answer questions such as "who, what, where, when, why and how" They will develop their fluency skills by reading out loud with a partner. The students will also learn to identify and understand figurative language to further their comprehension skills.

Writing - Realistic Fiction

In March, the second grade students will begin writing realistic fiction. Realistic fiction pieces are stories which place fictional characters in real settings with real problems. The students will learn to use events from their own lives or from the lives of people they know to create realistic fiction pieces.

Math - Chapters 5 & 6

In Chapter 5, we will learn how to solve 2 digit subtraction problems using different strategies. In Chapter 6, we will learn how to add and subtract three-digit by regrouping hundreds, tens, and ones. We will use vocabulary such as *minus sign*, *addends*, and *difference* during this chapter. These vocabulary words and models are listed below.

Chapter 5

Vocabulary

addends Numbers added together in addition problems

$$\begin{array}{c} 7 + 2 = 9 \\ \uparrow \quad \uparrow \\ \text{addends} \end{array}$$

sum Answer to an addition problem

$$\begin{array}{c} 7 + 2 = 9 \\ \quad \quad \uparrow \\ \quad \quad \text{sum} \end{array}$$

difference Answer to a subtraction problem

Chapter 6

Vocabulary

minus sign a symbol used in a subtraction problem

difference the answer to a subtraction problem

$$\begin{array}{c} 7 - 4 = 3 \\ \quad \quad \quad \uparrow \\ \quad \quad \quad \text{difference} \end{array}$$

Social Studies

The second grade will begin to learn about the history of New York City and New York State. The students will learn about the first inhabitants of New York: the Munsees, the Lenape, and the Iroquois. They will learn about what life was like before European explorers landed in New York. They will learn about Native American homes, food, clothing and day to day life.

Science

The students will continue to learn about plants. They will examine plant needs. They will do this by planting seeds and examining what happens when seeds are placed in different conditions such as without light or without water.

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:

March 1: Read Across America Day/Dr. Seuss' Birthday

March 8: PS147 Day - Wear School Gear

March 11 - March 15:
Attendance Spirit Week

March 14: Parent Teacher Conferences - 11:30am dismissal. Conference times: 12:20pm - 2:20pm and 4pm - 7pm

March 26: Character Education Assembly @9am - Auditorium. 2nd Grade performs

March 27: Parents in the classroom- 8:15am followed by the PTA meeting at 9am.

JDLP

Japanese

JDLP 2nd graders are going to work on how to describe their preference in different seasons. They will learn how to say what they like to do in different seasons and why.

Social Studies

In March, we are continuing to learn about our community by focusing on diverse community members including injured people, and elderly. 2nd graders are working on how to create our community more inclusive for everyone. They present their model of creative solutions and design to make our community better with the classmate.

Science

In Science, students will how other seeds in the Bengal Tiger reserve are able to get to places where they can grow. Students apply their takeaways from the investigations to construct a scientific explanation about how other seeds in the Bengal Tiger Reserve are dispersed.