



Second Grade Newsletter

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Reading/ELA

This November in reading, we are learning all about becoming experts in reading nonfiction. Second graders will work on reading nonfiction texts with understanding and purpose. They also will use the text features in this genre to help with their comprehension skills.

Writing - Personal Narratives

This month, we are excited to work on publishing our small moment stories from our unit in personal narrative writing. Once finished, we will begin unit 2 in writing, learning how to write informational text. We will use what we learn about nonfiction writing in our reading lessons, and use it to write our own How-to books and "All About..." books during this unit.

Math - Chapter 2

In this chapter of our Math unit, we will explore numbers up to 1,000! We will begin by learning about three digit numbers, and grouping tens to make hundreds. Later, throughout the chapter, we will reinforce place value concepts by learning how to use place value up to 1,000. Additionally, we are learning how to count on and count back by tens to 100.

Social Studies

In November, we will continue to become geographers of our community and city by examining maps. Students have become familiar with cardinal directions and reading some maps. We created a map of our classroom to familiarize ourselves with using a compass rose and placing locations on a map. We will be closely analyzing the vocabulary we use Social Studies, and connecting it to the outside world.

Science

In Science, we will continue working with plant and animal relationships. We are using hands on activities and partner work to scaffold our learning.

Johnny Can Spell/Word Study

In November, we will wrap up our review of phonograms and letter sounds and begin to work on parts of speech, as well as new phonograms. We will be looking for and labeling the nouns, verbs, and adjectives in a sentence, as well as practicing using them in the sentences we write.

Upcoming Dates:

November 2nd - Field Trip
(Brooklyn Bridge)

November 6th- No School

November 9th- Wear school gear!

November 12th- No School

November 13th- World Kindness Day (Wear Yellow!)

November 15th -
Parent/Teacher Conferences
11:30am dismissal for all students

November 20th- Character Education Assembly

November 21st- Comfy Cozy Day (Wear pajamas)

November 22nd-23rd -
Thanksgiving Recess - School is Closed

November 28th- Parents in the classroom (8:15am); PTA Meeting at 9am

JDLP

Japanese

JDLP 2nd graders are continuing reviewing a lot of basic Japanese including hiragana and katakana letters. Also, we are working on developing community-related verb to describe various activities.

Social Studies

In November, we continue learning about our community's geography. JDLP students will go to Brooklyn Bridge to investigate our community. Through this unit of study, they will learn more about their community, New York City, and its boroughs. Their learning activities will be documented to present for our movie project.

Science

In Science, we continue learning about plant and animal relationships by focusing its habitat. Students became the role of plant scientist to investigate why no new chalta trees are growing at the Bengal Tiger Reserve. Students will investigate why the seeds are not developing into new chalta trees. Through various investigations, students will construct an understanding what seeds need to grow.