

Second Grade Newsletter

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Reading/ELA

In September and October, we are focused on becoming better readers. Students will familiarize themselves with their just right books for reading practice at home and in school. We have been learning tools to strengthen our reading skills, such as making predictions about the text and visualizing the story. We will continue by working on finding the main idea and key details in the text.

Writing - Personal Narratives

In our current unit, we have been working on writing stories from small, personal moments in our lives. Students discussed and shared some small moments from their lives, to use for writing, which we call the "seed". We will be learning how to use the writing process, working to draft, edit, revise, and publish our narratives.

Math - Chapter 1

In this chapter of our Math unit, we will continue to learn about number concepts. In particular, we are learning about even and odd numbers, and how to identify them. Students are learning about the place value of digits in two digit numbers, and how we represent them through drawings. We also are learning how to express these two digit numbers in expanded form.

Social Studies

In October, we are using the *Passport to Social Studies* book to learn about our community's geography. In this unit, students learn about maps and how they help us in the real world, how to read and use cardinal directions, and where we are in relation to the world. We will start small by creating maps of our classroom, and then build our experiences by learning about New York City and its boroughs.

Science

In Science, we are learning about plant and animal relationships. We will support our learning by using materials and working with hands on activities in the classroom.

Johnny Can Spell/Word Study

This month, we use the Johnny Can Spell program to review phonograms, or letter sounds. We will be learning new phonograms throughout the year that will support our skills in reading and writing.

We will also be working on identifying adjectives, nouns, and verbs in a sentence. This will give us a better understanding of text we read, while strengthening our sentences in writing.

Important Dates:

October 5th- World Smile Day-
Wear YELLOW!

October 8th- No School-
Columbus Day

October 12th- PS 147 Day-
Wear School Gear

October 24th- Unity Day- Stop
Bullying- Wear RED

October 29th- Leader In
Me/Characters Education Kick-
off assembly @ 9am

October 31st- Parents in the
classroom (Theme: Math)

- PTA meeting at 9am

JDLP

Japanese

JDLP 2nd graders are reviewing a lot of basic Japanese including hiragana and katakana letters. Also, we are working on developing oral communication skills in the classroom.

Social Studies

In October, we are learning about our community's geography. In this unit, students learn about maps and our community around the school in Japanese. JDLP students will go to "town adventure" walking trips to investigate our community around the school. Through this unit of study, they will learn more about their community, New York City, and its boroughs.

Science

In Science, we are learning about plant and animal relationships. We will learn plant and animal related materials in Japanese.