

The Super Second Grade

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Parent Newsletter – May 2017

WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

Literacy:

Mentor Text:

- Planet Earth
- Danger! Earthquakes
- Who Could Somersault the San Andreas Fault?
- Earthquakes!

Lessons will focus on the following Common Core Literacy Standards:
R.I. 2.3 – Describe the connection between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text.

R.I. 2.5 – Know and use various text features (e.g. captions, bold print, subheadings, glossaries, indexes, electronic menus, icons) to locate key facts or information in text efficiently.

R.I. 2.7 – Explain how specific images (e.g. a diagram showing how a machine works) contribute to and clarify a text.

R.I. 2.9 – Compare and contrast the most important points presented by two texts on the same topic.

Phonics – This month, we will be working on the following spelling patterns:

- Consonant patterns *ph, gh/f/, ck, ng*
- Vowel patterns *aw, au, ough, al*
- Vowel digraphs *oo, ue, ew, ui*
- Inflected endings *-ed, -er, -s, -ing, -est*

Math: GoMath! Chapter 9–Length in Metric Units

This month students will:

- Measure with a Centimeter Model.
- Measure length in centimeters.
- Add and subtract lengths.
- Estimate lengths in meters.

Science:

Students will be studying the properties of matter.

Technology:

During the month of May, your child will continue to focus on keyboarding and mouse skills, as well as proper use of the Internet. We will be using online tools to help maximize these skills. Along the way, we will work on integrating their literacy and mathematical skills, ensuring that all our students maximize their learning with hands on opportunities to succeed.



“Learning is not attained by chance, it must be sought with ardor and diligence.”
----Abigail Adams

Social Studies:

The students will continue to explore the following topics:

- Community leaders make, enforce, and interpret rules and laws.
- Community, state, and national government leaders represent the needs of the community.

What’s New in Music and Art?

Mr. Cintula: Classes 220, 221, and 222 are working on their repertoire of folk/world music in “The Music Connection” (Grade 2).

They are beginning to learn music staff decoding skills and basic rhythm figure identification. Class 332 is reading through arts themed stories, analyzing vocabulary and viewing short films based on the books, followed with a discussion of the characters and the plot of the story.

Ms. Granatelli: During the month of May students will continue learning about how to draw and paint various still-life pictures.

Ms. LaMorte (Class 332): Students will analyze Tonality and Meter with 4 new pieces of music and identify/apply proper mallet technique for Orff Barred Instruments with 3 pieces on Macro Beat.

Ms. Eliot: As the weather gets warmer, we’ll be moving outdoors with our songs, exercises, and activities! Please be sure your child is wearing comfortable footwear that they can run in on their Movement day!

*IMPORTANT DATES

5/2 – PEP Your Time

5/7 – PTA hosts Mother/Son Bowling at Showplace

5/9 – PEP: Tough Topic – Suicide

5/12 – PTA hosts Spring Plant Sale and Fair

5/15 – Trip to Clay Pit Pond

5/16 – PEP Your Time

5/16 – Spring Concert (Middle School groups perform), 7:00pm

5/18 – Petrides Street Fair, 5:00–8:00pm

5/18 – Spring Concert (High School groups perform), 7:00pm

5/23 – PEP: Topic – How to create and keep a positive home environment

5/25 – Visit your child’s classroom, 9:00am

5/29 – Memorial Day – No School

5/30 – PEP Your Time

News/Information/Tips/Reminders

- We are in need of donations of facial tissues and paper towels.
- Please make sure your child has sharpened pencils each day.

PTA News

We are looking for parents to run for positions on the 2017/18 PTA board and also for the SLT (school leadership team). Please let us know if you are interested. New people are welcome and appreciated.

Rock em not Sock em event has been postponed.

We are having a Mother Son bowling event May 7th from 1:00–3:00pm at Showplace Bowling. Please look for an updated flyer in your children’s folders.

The Kindergarten Fashion Show is Thursday, May 11th.

Our annual Spring Fair will be held Friday, May 12th. We are looking for volunteers to help as always. Contact the PTA if you are interested in helping us.

A Note From Ms. Caccese

Hello Families,

Spring has sprung...let’s get outside and enjoy that sunshine! The feeling of excitement is in the air as we near the end of our school year...let’s stay focused and bright until then.

We are proud to open our classroom doors to include parents in the exciting learning that is happening at the Petrides School. We would love for you to observe and be a part of some of the special styles and ways your children learn through each day. This includes things like station style learning, small groups/centers and partner work using classroom resources and tools. We encourage you to visit your child’s classroom on the grade’s assigned date and time included below:

Kindergarten: Monday, May 22nd @ 9:00AM

1st Grade: Tuesday, May 23rd @ 12:00PM

2nd Grade: Thursday, May 25th @ 9:00AM

3rd Grade: Tuesday, May 23rd @12:45PM

4th Grade: Tuesday, May 23rd @ 10:00AM

Looking forward to seeing you soon, and as always we appreciate YOU and your involvement in our special school!
Ms. Caccese



