

The Super Second Grade

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We will continue to explore how NYC has changed over time and will continue to change in the future. We will also study how the Dutch and English influenced early New Amsterdam.

In Library, as an extension to the Social Studies curriculum, students are learning about the map of our area and reading books about symbols of New York. For example: Did you know that New York's state insect is the ladybug?

Over the next weeks students will be looking at each borough and discussing what part it played in the creation of New York City and how Native Americans lived and used the land. As a culminating activity, children will create their own Native American name!

Science: Students will learn about complex machines and sound this month.

Music and Movement

Music: Students have been working on the following aspects of music: major tonality and duple meter; proper use of singing voice; discussion about the importance of voting and how it is applied in song; currently learning about a music scale and applying in song and barred instruments.

Movement: Students have been working on several dances with varying speed.

*IMPORTANT DATES

12/21 – Parent Workshop: Gingerbread Houses - 11:30 – 12:30

12/24/12 – 1/1/13 – Holiday Break – School closed – School resumes on January 2nd.

News/Information/Tips/Reminders

- Sharpen pencils daily.
- Sign reading log daily.
- Sign tests and return promptly.
- Donations of wipes, paper towels, tissues, etc. gladly accepted.

Happy Holidays!

WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

Literacy: Fairy Tales

This month we will focus on the elements of Fairy Tales. In addition to exploring several familiar fairy tales, the children will also be writing their own.

Tip: *Since Fairy Tales often contain complex texts and themes, try taking turns reading pages with your child when reading at home, to help them better master the material. With winter approaching, this is a great way to get in some "cuddle time" as well. Don't forget the hot chocolate!*

Math: Every Day Math

Unit 4

Students will be learning how to read and write whole numbers to 1,000, identify digits, recognize odd or even numbers, explain strategies using number stories, make ballpark estimates, make money exchange, read temperature, compare and order whole numbers and find rules and patterns.

***Tip –** *As the weather gets colder, ask your child to hypothesize what the temperature is outside and compare their answers with an outdoor thermometer. They could also read the temperature on a thermostat, find out the temperature on the outside, and subtract the difference!*

2nd Grade December Quote:

"I hear and forget. I see and I remember. I do and I understand."

– Confucius

A Note From Ms. O'Donnell

"Check out our new website www.petridesschool.com to get up-to-date information on our elementary school."



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Social Studies: NY Changes Over Time

