

The Super Second Grade

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Parent Newsletter – April 2018

WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

Literacy:

Mentor Text: Earth Dragon Awakes

Lessons will focus on the following Common Core

Literacy Standards:

RL 2.1 – Ask and answer questions

RL 2.3 – How characters respond to major events

RL 2.4 – How words and phrases give meaning in a story

RL 2.5 – Describe beginning, middle, and end of a story

Writing: Narrative Writing – W 2.3

Students are expected to write a sequence of events, including details, thoughts and feelings.

Word Study: Students will be working on consonant patterns, vowel patterns, and inflected endings.

Grammar: Students will be working on adverbs.

Math: Go Math Chapter 8

Students will be able to:

- Measure and estimate lengths in standard units.
- Relate addition and subtraction to length.
- Represent and interpret data.

Social Studies: Students will continue to learn about 'New York City over time'.

Science: Students will learn about rocks and soil and how they are related.

Technology: Your child will continue practicing their keyboarding and mouse skills, typing, resources used for research, and proper use of the Internet. Along the way, we will work on integrating their literacy and mathematical skills, ensuring that all students maximize their learning with hands on opportunities to succeed. In the month of April we will be focusing primarily on mouse and keyboarding skills.

What's New in Music and Art?

Mr. Cintula: We are working in our Music Connection text on songs that celebrate our differences and similarities.

Ms. Granatelli: During the month of April students continue working on their book making project.

Ms. LaMorte (Class 332): Students will learn 4 new pieces, accompany music selections on Barred Instruments with proper mallet technique, and analyze music for tonality and meter.

*IMPORTANT DATES

3/30 – 4/8 – Spring Recess

4/13 & 4/14 – Petrides High School presents: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory – Candy Shop opens at 6pm, Doors open at 6:30pm, Showtime: 7pm

4/15 – Petrides High School presents: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory – Candy Shop opens at 1pm, Doors open at 1:30pm, Showtime: 2pm

4/18 – PAWS Awards, 6:30pm

4/18 – PTA Meeting, 7:00pm

4/20 – PTA hosts "Night of Chances"

News/Information/Tips/Reminders

- Please make sure your child has sharpened pencils each day.
- Please wear comfortable clothes and sneakers on Fridays.
- Check your child's homework daily for accuracy and completion.
- *****Check our instagram and twitter pages:**
Twitter – @PetridesSchool
Instagram – mjpetrides school



Our Social – Emotional Learning...

This month our Elementary School students will be focusing on Problem Solving. We will practice cultivating the ability to solve interpersonal problems effectively. Throughout this unit, students will participate in activities to identify different types of conflict styles and the benefits and costs associated with each style. Students learn and practice a step-by-step approach for successfully resolving interpersonal conflicts and are encouraged to use this approach whenever conflicts arise at schools. At home, you can practice these skills by role-playing with your child. WWW.home-speech-home.com has a great website to use for sample problem solving scenarios.

A Note From Ms. Ponzi

Dear Families,

Spring is finally here and we are heading into the final stretch of the school year! Our children have grown in so many ways and they continue to make us proud each day. Our upper elementary students have been working very hard this past month to prepare for the NYS ELA and Math exams. Our younger students are inspired and continue to practice becoming better readers, writers and problem solvers. I am so proud of everyone, keep up the great work!!

We will continue to host opportunities to engage with our parents and work together to ensure the success of our children. We encourage you to volunteer your time here at school during upcoming special events.

Sincerely,
Ms. Ponzi

