



The Super Second Grade

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Parent Newsletter – December 2017

WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

Literacy:

Mentor Texts:

- Beauty and the Beast
- Various Folk Tales

Lessons will focus on the following Common Core Literacy Standards:

- RL 2.5 – Describe the overall structure of a story.
- RL 2.10 – Read and comprehend literature in grade text complexity proficiently.
- RL 2.2 – Recount stories and determine their central message, lesson or moral.
- RL 2.9 – Compare and contrast two or more versions of the same story.

Writing: Narrative Writing Unit

Phonics: This month we will be working on plurals and vowel patterns – long a, e, and o.

Grammar: We will be working on verbs and adverbs.

Math: Go Math Chapter 4 – 2-Digit Addition

This month students will:

- Break apart addends as tens and ones
- Model and record 2-digit addition
- Regroup for addition
- Problem solve
- Write equations to represent addition
- Find sums for 3 & 4 addends

Social Studies: Students will learn about part of a globe, land and water, and NY’s landscape.

Science: Students will be using inquiry skills like a scientist.

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 our students maximize their learning with hands on opportunities to succeed. In the month of December we will be focusing primarily on mouse and keyboarding skills.



What’s New in Music and Art?

Mr. Cintula: We have been learning seasonal folk music from around the world through our textbook series the Music Connection grade two. We will be singing together and solo as well as working with percussion instruments and techniques on various songs.

Ms. Granatelli: During the month of December students will complete their landscape paintings.

Ms. LaMorte (Class 332): Students will learn 3 songs to work with beat competency, pitch matching, read a simple rhythm pattern, discuss Christopher Columbus, proper play of rhythm sticks, analyze music, learn major, minor, duple, triple, learn Hoedown dance, and begin study of Orff Barred Instruments for proper mallet technique.

*IMPORTANT DATES

- 12/6 – PTA General Membership Meeting
- 12/8 – PTA hosts our annual Holiday Fair – see separate class visitation schedule
- 12/23 – 1/1 – Holiday Break – school resumes on 1/2.

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.
- Continue to collect box tops.
- Upcoming trip in January to see Charlotte’s Web at College of Staten Island.
- *****Check our instagram and twitter pages:**
 Twitter – @PetridesSchool
 Instagram – mjpetrides school



PTA News

PTA Meeting – 12/6
 Save the Date – Holiday Fair 12/8

A Note From Ms. Ponzi



Dear Families,

It was so nice to see so many of you attend our Parent Teacher Conferences last month. Communication and collaboration between families and school is extremely beneficial for the success of our students, so we THANK YOU!

I encourage and appreciate your continued support at upcoming Parents as Partners events. It was so nice to see parents up at school this past month to assist at workshops in the classroom, shop at the book fair, and enjoy SING! I look forward to seeing you again soon!

Please continue to dress your child appropriately for the changing weather. We are continuing to send children outside for recess when the weather permits.

As we approach the holiday season, let us remember the importance of family, friends, and fun! I wish you and your families a very Happy and Healthy holiday season with your loved ones.

Sincerely,
 Ms. Ponzi



