



The Super Second Grade

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Parent Newsletter – December 2019

WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

English Language Arts:

We are having a *blast*, exploring informational text! December's focus skills and standards continue to include: identify the central idea and point of view, retell and summarize key details in a text, and develop and answer questions to demonstrate understanding. The shift for December will be for students to more accurately identify the important key details in the story and to use only those relevant details to summarize the central idea.

Word Work:

December's Word Work skills' focus will include suffixes and two syllable words. We will continue to build on sight words and apply prior spelling patterns into independent writing.

Writing:

This month's writing goal is to use complete and more complex sentences. To practice this, students will be asked to use informational text features to answer questions.

Math:

Module 3: Addition and Subtraction of Length Units, continued

Building on what we learned in November, students are continuing to expand their skills of understanding units by bundling, counting, and renaming numbers such as 10 tens is equal to 1 hundred. Proficiency of these skills leads students to make use of counting strategies to solve word problems efficiently and accurately.

Focus standards are:

- 2.NBT.1** Understand that three digits of a three-digit number represents amount of hundreds, ten and ones.
- 2.NBT.2** Count within 1000, skip-count by 5s, 10s and 100s.
- 2.NBT.3** Read and write numbers to 1000 using base-ten numerals, number names and expanded form.
- 2.NBT.4** Compare two three-digit numbers based on meanings of the hundreds, tens and ones digits, using symbols to record the results of comparisons.

Module 4: Addition and Subtraction Within 200 with Word Problems to 100

Come mid-December, will we shift to learning how to make sums and differences within 100, and using strategies for composing and decomposing a ten.

Focus standards are:

- OA.1** Use addition and subtraction within 100 to solve one- and two-step word problems involving situations of adding to, taking from, putting together, taking apart, and comparing, with unknowns in all positions
- NBT.5** Fluently add and subtract within 100 using strategies based on place value, properties of operations, and/or the relationship between addition and subtraction.
- NBT.7** Add and subtract within 1000, using concrete models or drawings and strategies based on place value, properties of operations, and/or the relationship between addition and subtraction; relate the strategy to a written method. Understand that in adding or subtracting three-digit numbers, one adds or subtracts hundreds and hundreds, tens and tens, ones and ones; and sometimes it is necessary to compose or decompose tens or hundreds.
- NBT.8** Mentally add 10 or 100 to a given number 100-900, and mentally subtract 10 or 100 from a given number 100-900.
- NBT.9** Explain why addition and subtraction strategies work, using place value and the properties of operations.

Technology:

During the month of December, your child will be focusing their navigation skills using their prior practice of keyboarding and mouse expertise, along with 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.

Science:

This month, we will continue to study Physical Science. Students will learn about how objects are made of smaller particles and how heating and cooling change the states of matter.

Social Studies:

Students will be learning how people work to meet their needs, the difference between wants and needs, and producing and consuming goods. Service workers and their roles in the community will also be introduced. Time will also be spent on trading for goods and services and making choices about money.

What's New in Performing Arts?

Ms. Granatelli: During the month of December, students will learn about sculpture and how to work with modeling clay. All art materials are provided in class.

Ms. LaGrotta (332): During dance class in December, second grade classes will be continuing identifying and demonstrating isolated dance moves of various body parts, locomotor and non-locomotor movements, and dancing with different tempos and rhythms.

*IMPORTANT DATES

12/6 – Holiday Fair

12/6 – Pretzel Day

12/16 – "Frozen" Sing-a-Long, 9:00am – Wear your best Elsa/Anna/Olaf costumes!

12/23-1/1/20 – Winter Recess – School resumes on 1/2/20

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.



PTA News

The PTA would like to give a big Thank you to all those who came to our "Bowling With the Panthers" event! It was so much fun! A special shout out to the teachers and staff that came along with their families to make this event extra special!

Friday, December 6th is our Pretzels for Panthers day! Only \$1 for a delicious pretzel!

Also Friday, December 6th is our Holiday Fair, where parents are also invited along for some fun holiday shopping with their little ones! Please see teacher class times for a schedule.

David & Buster's power play cards are on sale now! A great gift idea your loved ones can use during the holiday week off and support our school!

Shop with a smile on amazon and proceeds will go directly to our Petrides PTA! Please use [smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) select Michael J. Petrides in the drop down box and amazon will give 0.5% of your purchase as a donation to our PTA (prices are exactly the same!) We hope that you can join us for our next PTA meeting on Wednesday, December 18th at 6:30pm.

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 and physical education class 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

