



The Super Second Grade

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Parent Newsletter – February 2020

WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

English Language Arts:

In February, students will continue to read fictional stories. We will be practicing summarizing portions of a text, retelling important ideas, and identifying the central message. We will also use supporting standards to practice analyzing how characters respond to major challenges, identifying words and phrases that appeal to the senses and suggest feelings, and 'reading' illustrations.

Word Work:

February's word skills include:

- y as e or i
- open syllables for one and two syllable words
- suffices y, ly and ty
- r controlled words

Writing:

This month's writing goals are for students to write with clarity, be more descriptive and add examples to their work.

Math:

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

Adding and subtracting two- and three- digit numbers continues to be the emphasis. Students will freely choose which strategy best suits the problem at hand and check their work by using the standard vertical algorithm. Our goal is for students to master solving one- and two- step word problems.

Focus standards are:

- 2.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.
- 2.NBT.5** Fluently add and subtract within 100 using strategies based on place value
- 2.NBT.6** Add using strategies based on place value and properties of operations.
- 2.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.
- 2.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.
- 2.NBT.9** Explain why addition and subtraction strategies work, using place value and the properties of operations.
(Explanations may be supported by drawings or objects.)



Technology:

During the month of February, 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:

Earth Science will be this month's focus. Students will be learning about habitats with attention on what plants need and how plants depend on animals.

Social Studies:

Students will continue studying mapping skills and learn how to identify features of a map. Our goals are for students to be able to locate places using a map, create a map, and realize the importance of good directional skills.

What's New in Performing Arts?

Ms. Granatelli: During the month of *February* students will create their book designs.

Ms. LaGrotta (332): During dance class in February, 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

- 2/13 - *Scrapping With Our Loves* - Parent Workshop, 9:45am
2/14 - 100th Day of School
2/17 - 2/21 - Midwinter Recess- No School

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

- February 7th - Pretzels for Panthers
February 9th - Sweetheart Dance, 2-5pm
February 12th - PTA Meeting, 6:30pm

A Note From Ms. Ponzi

Dear Families,

February certainly brings about thoughts of love and happiness-and I truly LOVE Petrides and all of our families. Thank you for your continued support and for volunteering your time in our school, it really makes our school such a special place. Last month, our Kindergarten cuties walked the runway at the Fashion Show modeling their most adorable outfits. Thank you to the PTA for coordinating this awesome event. Please take note of all of the upcoming events planned for this month. We look forward to seeing you there.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to email me at JCaputo9@schools.nyc.gov.

Sincerely,
Ms. Ponzi

