



The Super Second Grade

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Parent Newsletter – January 2020

WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

English Language Arts:

In January, students will be immersed in literature, reading fictional stories such as *A Chair for My Mother*, *City Green* and *Charlotte's Web*. Our focus skill is to summarize portions of a text, retelling important ideas, and identifying the central message. We will also be analyzing how characters respond to major challenges, identifying words and phrases that appeal to the senses and suggest feelings, and 'reading' illustrations.

Word Work:

January's Word Work will build on previous skills learned as well study the rules that make long vowel sounds. We will continue to build on sight words and apply prior spelling patterns into independent writing.

Writing:

This month's writing goal is for students to stay on point and continue using spelling patterns learned to help with more challenging words. Students will learn the components of opinion writing and publish a piece in which they will express their thoughts and feelings about a subject matter presented.

Math:

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

Students will build on what they know about place value and apply strategies, such as using math drawings and manipulatives, to fluently add and subtract within 100 and solve 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 January, 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:

Physical Science continues to be our focus. In January we will be learning what objects are made of, and how matter can change. We will be relating our study to real word experiences and looking at careers that lend itself to these ideas.

Social Studies:

Students will be learning about location (absolute and relative). We will be focusing on identifying where something/someone is located using a map, grid map and description. Students are going to learn the reason we use a map and are also going to use the different parts of a map. We will also be learning about the Earth. We will focus on locating the oceans, continents, and different hemispheres on different maps of the world.

What's New in Performing Arts?

Ms. Granatelli: Happy New Year! During the month of *January 2020* students will focus on drawing and painting winter scenes.

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

1/1 – New Year's Day, No school

1/2 – First day back to school from Winter Break.

1/20 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day, No School

1/23 – 10th Annual Kindergarten Fashion Show, 7:00pm

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 wish everyone a Happy New Year! We are looking forward to 2020 and would love for you to join us for some events this year.

Our monthly PTA meeting will be held on January 15th at 6:30pm and our Annual Kindergarten Fashion Show will be held on January 23rd. Please join us if your schedule permits!

A Note From Ms. Ponzi

Dear Families,

I would like to wish all of you a very Happy New Year! So many fabulous things happened here at Petrides in 2019 and I thank each and every one of you for your continued support. The building was filled with parents in December for holiday workshops, shopping at the fair and singing holiday songs. Please continue to join us at upcoming Parents as Partners events in the New Year. We look forward to an even better 2020!

Please continue to dress your child for the changing of the seasons, as we are committed to sending the children outside for recess, weather permitting. Thank you for all that you do and we are looking forward to a happy and healthy New Year with you all.

Sincerely,
Ms. Ponzi

