

# **The Super Second Grade**





# Parent Newsletter - March 2018

## WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

#### Literacy:

Mentor Text:

- -Seek the Sun
- -Earth Dragon Awakes

#### Lessons will focus on the following Common Core Literacy Standards:

RL 2.4 - Describe how words and phrases supply meaning

RL 2.3 - Describe how characters in a story respond

RL 2.1 - Ask and answer questions

RL 2.6 - Acknowledge different points of view

Writing: Narrative Writing Unit

**Phonics**: This month we will be working on vowel diagraphs, suffixes, prefixes and consonant patterns.

**Grammar:** We will be working on antonyms and synonyms.

#### Math: Go Math Chapter 7 - Money and Time

This month students will:

- Tell and write time from analog and digital clocks to the nearest five minutes, using am and pm.
- Solve word problems involving dollar bills, quarters, dimes, nickels, and pennies, using dollar and cent symbols appropriately

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

<u>Science</u>: Students will continue to learn about Earth materials.



**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 March 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 March students continue working on their project: making a book.

Ms. LaMorte (Class 332): Students will secure songs about Reading, learn/perform 2 partner songs for Harmonic Concept Work, and demonstrate/review proper mallet hold and meanings of names of Barred Instrument Families with poem.

## \*IMPORTANT DATES

3/14 - Report Cards Distributed

3/14 - Parent Teacher Conferences, 5-8pm

 $\underline{3/15}$  - Parent Teacher Conferences, 12:20-2:20pm - Half day of school for students

## 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



#### Social Emotional Learning Curriculum - Sanford Harmony

This month we will be focusing on Empathy and Critical Thinking Skills. The students will learn to facilitate an awareness between thoughts, feelings, and behaviors. They will learn to promote empathy and incremental thinking and to reduce stereotyped thinking. Students will engage in interactive exercises and games to become aware of how their thoughts influence their feelings and behaviors, to learn the skills associated with empathetic responding, to recognize the malleability of human traits and abilities, and to identify the consequences associated with stereotyped thinking.

## A Note From Ms. Ponzi

Dear Families,



March is the month that makes me reflect and feel LUCKY to be a part of the Petrides family. Last month kept us busy and the help and support from everyone at home certainly makes this such a special place. Our Thank Heaven for Little Girls Dance was a huge success and we would like to thank the PTA for organizing this event. We look forward to seeing you all next week at our Spring Parent Teacher Conferences.

Sincerely, Ms. Ponzi

