



# The Super Second Grade

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## Parent Newsletter – March 2019

### WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

#### Literacy:

Mentor Text:

- Where the Sidewalks End
- A Mix of Concrete Poems
- A Light in the Attic
- Revolt Rhymes

Lessons will focus on the following Common Core Literacy Standards:

RI 2.2 – I can recount stories, including fables and folktales from diverse cultures and determine their central message, lesson or moral.

RI 2.4 – I can describe how words and phrases supply rhythm and meaning in a story, poem or song.

RI 2.7 – I can use information gained from the illustrations and words in a print or digital text to demonstrate understanding of its characters, setting or plot.

RI 2.10 – I can read and comprehend literature, including stories and poetry in text complexity with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.

**Writing:** Poetry Writing

**Phonics:** This month we will be working on:

- Vowel pattern *oo, u*
- Diphthongs *ou, ow*
- Diphthongs *io, oy*
- Compound words

**Grammar:** This month we will be working on:

- Using an apostrophe to form contractions and frequently occurring possessives
- Producing, expanding, and rearranging and completing simple and compound sentences
- Distinguishing shades of meaning among closely related verbs and closely related adjectives

**Math: Go Math Chapter 7 – Money and Time**

- I can find the total value of collections of quarters, dimes, nickels and pennies.
- I can represent money amounts using two different combinations of coins.
- I can find and record the total value for money amounts greater than \$1.00
- I can draw pictures to solve money word problems.
- I can tell and write time to the nearest hour, half hour and five minutes.

**Social Studies:** Students will be learning about Urban, Suburban and Rural Communities.

**Science:** Students will be learning about the states of matter.

**Technology:** During the month of March, 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.

### What's New in Music and Art?

**Mr. Cintula:** We are working on distinguishing between steps, leaps and repeated tones in our music, as well as working on songs about friendship for a performance this Spring.

**Ms. Granatelli (332):** During the month of March, students will explore making sculptures, working with modeling clay.

**Ms. LaMorte (Class 332):** Students will secure songs about reading, discuss/apply friendship with 2 new pieces, and learn St. Patrick's poem and dance.

**Ms. Eliot:** Students will revisit some favorite songs to review rhythms and movements with music.

### \*IMPORTANT DATES

3/13 – Report Cards Distributed

3/14 – Parent Teacher Conferences:

Afternoon – 12:20–2:20pm (Half day of school for students)

Evening – 5:00–8:00pm

### 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

Welcome back! The PTA would like to welcome everyone back from a winter week off! We hope everyone had a warm, cozy, relaxing week and is ready to get back to learning, and school fun festivities!

Our "pretzels for panthers" is this upcoming Friday, March 1. Also, on Friday, March 1st there will be the opportunity for our students to take their Spring Pictures. These school pictures are unique as we allow students to dress down and you may also coordinate sibling pictures. Finally, on Friday, March 1st join us to dine out at TGIFRIDAYS at 280 Marsh Ave for our PTA benefit night, where 20% of your bill will automatically benefit Michael J. Petrides' PTA! (All you have to do is mention our school by name to your server!)

Our Night of Chances fundraiser is Friday, March 29th. Please join us for this fun adult evening where you will have chances to win awesome raffle prizes!

Last PTA meeting we raffled off a Night of Chances raffle bundle pack! (70 raffle tickets of different levels). All you need to do is show up, for your chance to win!

Please join us for our next PTA meeting on Wednesday, March 20th at 7pm where we will be raffling off a chance to win a free ticket to "Bowling with the Panthers" which will be on Sunday, April 7th. Thank you for supporting our school!

### 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. Parents of 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students, please help us complete the Readers are Leaders challenge presented by Borough President James Oddo's office. Our Sweetheart Dance was a huge success and we would like to thank the PTA for organizing this event. We look forward to seeing you all at our Spring Parent Teacher Conferences on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,  
Ms. Ponzi

