

The Super Second Grade

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Parent Newsletter – November 2017

WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

Literacy:

Mentor Text: *Charlotte's Web*

Lessons will focus on the following Common Core Literacy Standards:

RL 2.1 – Ask and answer such questions as who, what, where, when, why and how to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text.

RL 2.5 – Describe the overall structure of a story, including describing how the beginning introduces the story and the ending concludes the action.

RL 2.6 – Acknowledge differences in the points of view of characters, including speaking in a different voice for each character when reading dialogue aloud.

RL 2.7 – Use information gained from illustrations and words in print to demonstrate the understanding of characters, setting or plot.

Writing: Fiction Writing Piece

Writing 2.3: Write narratives in which students recount a well-elaborated event or short sequence of events, including details for describing actions, thoughts, and feelings, using temporal words to signal event order, and providing a sense of closure.

Phonics: This month we will be working on the following spelling patterns:

- Consonant digraphs *th, wh, sh*
- R-controlled *ar, or, oar, ore*
- Contractions
- R-controlled *er, ir, ur*

Conventions: Students will produce, expand, and rearrange simple and compound sentences.

Math: GoMath! Chapter 3-Addition and Subtraction

This month students will:

- Represent and solve problems involving addition and subtraction
- Add and subtract within 20
- Work with equal groups of objects to gain foundation for multiplication

In this chapter, we will explore and discover answers to the following essential questions:

- How can you use patterns and strategies to find sums and differences for basic facts?
- What are some strategies for remembering addition and subtraction facts?
- How are addition and subtraction related?

Technology:

During the month of November, your child will be focusing on both keyboarding and mouse skills as well as 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.

Social Studies and Science:

Social Studies and Science will be incorporated into Ready Gen Unit of Study.

What's New in Music and Art?

Mr. Cintula: We are continuing our journey of folk music around the world through our textbook series "The Music Connection", grade 2. We will be singing together and solo as well as sample percussion instruments and techniques on various songs.

Ms. Granatelli: During the month of November students will continue learning about the elements of design, using pencil, crayon and watercolor paint to create landscape pictures.

Ms. LaMorte (Class 332): Students will learn 3 songs to work with beat competency, pitch matching, read a simple rhythm pattern, discuss Christopher Columbus, proper play of rhythm sticks, analyze music, learn major, minor, duple, triple, learn Hoedown dance, and begin study of Orff Barred Instruments for proper mallet technique.

*IMPORTANT DATES

11/7 – Election Day – No School for Students

11/15 – Report Cards Distributed

11/15 – Evening Parent Teacher Conferences, 5:30pm-8pm

11/16 – Afternoon Parent Teacher Conferences, 12:20pm-2:20pm

11/16 – Half Day – 11:20am dismissal time

11/17 – Parents as Partners Workshop: Complex Text, 10:45am

11/23 & 11/24 – Thanksgiving 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

PTA Meeting – 11/8

Save the Date – Holiday Fair 12/8

A Note From Ms. Ponzi



Dear Families,

November is a month to give thanks! I am so thankful for all of the parents who have supported our children so far this school year. We would like to say a big thank you to our PTA who organized this year's Halloween event "Boo at your School" for our Elementary School students.

This month we will be celebrating the importance of reading here at school, but reading at home is very important too. The benefits of independent reading include improved vocabulary, verbal fluency, and enhanced general academic achievement. This year, our school has partnered with MobyMax, a website that is designed to individualize student learning. This resource offers your child access to texts based on their reading level, practice with comprehension questions and tips and skills to master standards. This engaging website will motivate your child to read independently and build comprehension. Usernames and passwords have been sent home and teachers are monitoring students' usage at home and are encouraging it.

As Dr. Seuss says, "The more you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you will go." I cannot wait to see all the places our children will go.

Sincerely,
Ms. Ponzi

