



The Super Second Grade

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Parent Newsletter – November 2019

WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

English Language Arts:

We are gearing our minds toward informational text and our theme is *Explorations!* November's focus skills and standards include: identifying the central idea and point of view, retelling and summarizing key details in a text, and developing and answering questions to demonstrate understanding.

Word Work:

November's Word Work skills' focus will include diagraphs and blending, as well as building on sight words and transferring prior spelling patterns into independent writing.

Writing:

This month's writing goal is to write an informational piece. Students will learn the craft of bookmaking by using nonfiction text features to help tell what they learned. We will continue to practice using correct grammar, spelling and punctuation.

Math:

Module 3: Addition and Subtraction of Length Units

In this unit, students expand their skills with understanding of units by bundling ones, tens and hundreds up to a thousand. It also includes counting by ones, tens and hundreds as 10 ones are renamed as 1 ten, etc. The goal is for students to move back and forth fluidly between these models.

Focus standards practiced are:

- 2.NBT.1** Understand that three digits of a three-digit number represent amounts of hundreds, tens and ones.
- 2.NBT.2** Count within 1,000, skip-count by 5s, 10s and 100s.
- 2.NBT.3** Read and write numbers to 1,000 using base-ten numerals, number names and expanded form.
- 2.NBT.4** Compare two three-digit numbers based on meanings of the hundreds, tens and ones digits, using symbols to record the results of comparisons.

Technology:

During the month of November, 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:

This month's Science topic highlights an introduction to physical science. Students will think like scientists as they are introduced to new vocabulary and understand the basics of matter and space.

Social Studies:

Students will learn about the role laws play in keeping their community safe. Students will learn why laws are important and that there are consequences for breaking laws. We will be learning about their local, state, and U.S. government. We will learn about the people who make up the different branches of government. Students will learn about the different leaders that are elected to lead the different types of government. We will also learn about the different symbols that represent the United States.

What's New in Performing Arts?

Ms. Granatelli: During the month of November, students will learn how to create a collage. All art materials are provided in class.

Ms. LaGrotta (332): During dance class in November, 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. We will begin working on our alphabet unit, which allows the students to be creative and make the letters of the alphabet with their body!

*IMPORTANT DATES

- 11/5 – Election Day, No School for students
- 11/11 – Veteran's Day, No School
- 11/13 – Report Cards Distributed
- 11/14 – Half day of school, 11:20am dismissal
- Afternoon Parent Teacher Conferences: 12:20pm – 2:20pm
- Evening Parent Teacher Conferences: 5:00pm – 8:00pm
- 11/20 – PTA Meeting, 6:30pm
- 11/28 & 11/29 – Thanksgiving Recess

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

Hi families! Thank you for attending movie night and Trunk or Treat!

PTA Meeting on November 20th at 6:30pm. We will be voting on Early Childhood VP position.

Bowling with the Panthers – Sunday, November 17th from 2:00pm-4:00pm. \$15 per person includes bowling, shoes, pizza, and drink

Pretzels for Panthers is November 1st.



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 "Trunk or Treat" 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. Please be sure that your child is practicing reading nightly and reading books that are on their independent reading level.

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

