

# The Super Second Grade

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## Parent Newsletter – October 2018

### WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

#### Literacy:

Mentor Text:

- On the Farm
- Do I Need It, Do I Want It
- Planet Earth
- They Really are Giant

Lessons will focus on the following Common Core Literacy Standards:

RI 2.1 – Ask and answer questions about the text to show my understanding.

RI 2.3 – I can describe how details in the text are connected.

RI 2.5 – Use text features to find information.

RI 2.6 – Tell the main purpose of a task.

**Writing:** Informational Writing Unit

**Phonics:** This month we will be working on long vowels and syllabication.

**Grammar:** Adjectives and Adverbs

**Math:** GoMath Chapter 2–Addition and Subtraction

This month students will:

- Count back by 10 and 100
- Number patterns
- Compare numbers

#### Technology:

During the month of October, 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.

#### Social Studies and Science:

Social Studies and Science will be incorporated into Ready Gen Unit of Study. We will be learning about Planet Earth and Community.

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

**Mr. Cintula:** We are beginning our work on folk music from around the world in the Music Connection text.

**Ms. LaMorte (Class 332):** Students will learn proper singing skills/pitch matching work, beat competency work, discuss/sing about Christopher Columbus, learn proper Mallet technique for Barred Instruments, and read/play simple melodic rhythm with familiar song.

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

### \*IMPORTANT DATES

10/8 – Columbus Day – No School

10/11 – Parents as Partners – Reading Strategies, 7:30am

10/17 – PTA Meet & Greet (Adults only), 7:00pm

10/28 – PTA hosts Trunk or Treat

10/31 – Halloween March of Dimes Wonder Walk on school track. Students may wear their Halloween attire. No face masks please.

### 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

–Pretzel sales! The first Friday of the month we will have a pretzel sale outside of the cafeteria. Students wishing to purchase a pretzel should bring \$1.00 with them to lunch. It has been suggested to put an envelope with student's name, date and marked "pretzel money" to be placed either in their lunch box or if the teacher could remind the student to bring it with them to lunch.

–Movie night save the date Friday, 10/5 at 7pm in the Quad. Premiering the Emoji Movie. Children will receive an emoji bracelet, popcorn, and drink with a donation of \$5 per person.

–Halloween "Trunk or Treat" will be in our Quad with lots of candy treats and fun games/activities and bouncy house. More information will be given out as date approaches. Save the date for Sunday, 10/28.

–Chocolate bar sales will be starting soon! More information to follow.

### A Note From Ms. Ponzi

Dear Families,



We are off to a great start and I am super excited to begin this next month of school. We will be hosting a Walk-a-thon to support the March of Dimes on October 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:45am on the field. All students in grades Pre-K-4 are invited to walk in their Halloween costumes on our track. We ask that you refrain from dressing the students in costumes with masks and please do not send props into school. March of Dimes envelopes will be sent home this week and can be returned with donations on the day of the Wonder Walk. Parents are welcome to view our costume parade on the field (weather permitting). Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Sincerely,  
Ms. Ponzi