



The Super Second Grade

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Parent Newsletter – October 2019

WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

English Language Arts:

October's focus skills and standards include a review of last year's learning as well as an introduction to the Next Generation Learning Standards. We are gearing our minds toward information text and our theme is *Explorations*.

Word Work:

October's Word Work skills' focus will include a building on phonetic awareness and spelling strategies to help master writing and reading.

Writing:

This month's writing goal is to write nonfiction pieces. Students will learn the craft of writing with expression, as well as focus on Language Standards such as using all forms of nouns and verbs correctly and adding details to sentences.

Math:

Module 2: Addition and Subtraction of Length Units

In this unit, students engage in activities designed to deepen their conceptual understanding of measurement. Students will also relate addition and subtraction to length. Work in this unit is exclusively with metric units in order to support place value concepts. Customary units will be introduced in Module 7.

Focus standards practiced are:

- 2.MD.3** Estimate lengths using units of inches, feet, centimeters, and meters.
- 2.MD.4** Measure to determine how much longer one object is than another, expressing the length difference in terms of a standard length unit.
- 2.MD.5** Use addition and subtraction within 100 to solve word problems involving lengths that are given in the same units, e.g., by using drawings (such as drawings of rulers) and equations with a symbol for the unknown number to represent the problem.
- 2.MD.6** Represent whole numbers as lengths from 0 on a number line diagram with equally spaced points corresponding to the numbers 0, 1, 2, ..., and represent whole-number sums and differences within 100 on a number line diagram.

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.



Science:

Our goal this month is to get students thinking like Scientists. Students will be introduced to new vocabulary, practice the design process, and understand the basics of engineering.

Social Studies:

Following the 2nd grade Scope and Sequence, students will read about the history of citizenship, how to model being a good citizen, and government's role in communities.

What's New in Performing Arts?

Ms. Granatelli: During the month of October, students will learn how to draw and paint their self-portrait. All art materials are provided in class.

*IMPORTANT DATES

- 10/1 – Rosh Hashanah – No School
- 10/9 – Yom Kippur – No School
- 10/14 – Columbus Day – No School
- 10/16 – PTA Meeting, 6:30pm
- 10/27 – 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. Parents are invited to come and watch their children walk.

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

- October 4 – Pretzels for Panthers
- October 11 – Movie night "The Sandlot"
- October 15 – Dine out @ Chili's 11am-11pm
- October 16 – PTA meeting @ 6:30pm
- October 27 – Trunk or Treat



World famous chocolate sales continues.

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 31st at 9:00am 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 to 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

