



The Super Second Grade

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Parent Newsletter – April 2019

WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

Literacy:

Mentor Text:

- Goldilocks & the Three Bears
- Jack and the Beanstalk

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: Fairy Tale & Folk Tale Writing

Phonics: This month we will be working on:

- Suffixes *ly, ful, er, or, ish*
- Prefixes *un, r, di, pre*
- Consonant patterns *kn, wr, gn, mb*

Grammar: This month we will be working on:

- Demonstrating understanding of word relationships and nuances in word meanings.
- Distinguishing shades of meaning among closely related verbs and closely related adjectives.

Math: Go Math Chapter 8 – Length in Customary Units

- I can measure and estimate lengths in standard units.
- I can relate addition and subtraction to length.
- I can represent and interpret data.
- I can make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
- I can construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others.
- I can use appropriate tools strategically.



Social Studies: We are continuing Communities. We will be working on Culture and Society.

Science: We are studying Nature and Energy.

Technology: During the month of April, 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 April, students will continue practicing drawing and painting real life and imaginary themes.

Ms. LaMorte (Class 332): Students will identify/apply proper use of Orff Barred Instruments and learn 5 songs very carefully with proper singing and dancing.

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

*IMPORTANT DATES

4/5 – Poetry Jam, 9:15am – 10:15am

4/12 – 7:00pm, 4/13 – 7:00pm, 4/14 – 2:00pm

The Michael J. Petrides School presents

The Little Mermaid

4/17 – Paws Awards/Academic Success Celebration, 6:30pm

4/19 – 4/28 – Spring 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



Friday, April 5th is Pretzels for Panthers.

Bowling with the Panthers is April 7th from 2-4 at Showplace. It's \$15 per bowler. Included 1 slice of pizza, drink, 2 hours of bowling, and shoe rental.

PTA meeting is Wednesday, April 17 at 7:00pm.

Dave and Busters Power cards are on sale now until May 20th.

We would like to thank you for attending the Night of Chances. It was a huge success and a special thank you to all of our donors, volunteers, teachers, staff, and students for all of their hardworking and help.

Thank you!

A Note From Ms. Ponzi



Dear Families,

Spring is finally here and we are heading into the final stretch of the school year! Our children have grown in so many ways and they continue to make us proud each day. Our upper elementary students have been working very hard this past month to prepare for the NYS ELA and Math exams. Our younger students are inspired and continue to practice becoming better readers, writers and problem solvers. I am so proud of everyone, keep up the great work!!

We will continue to host opportunities to engage with our parents and work together to ensure the success of our children. We encourage you to volunteer your time here at school during upcoming special events.

Enjoy the upcoming Spring Recess with the ones you love!

Sincerely,
Ms. Ponzi

