

# The Super Second Grade

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## Parent Newsletter – May 2019

### WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

#### Literacy:

Mentor Text:

-Earth Dragon Awakes

Lessons will focus on the following Common Core Literacy Standards:

RL 2.1 – I can ask and answer questions to understand key details in a text.

RL 2.3 – I can describe how characters in a story respond to major events and challenges.

RL 2.4 – I can describe how words and phrases supply rhythm and meaning in a story, poem, or song.

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

**Writing:** Informational Writing

**Word Study:** Prefixes and Suffixes

**Grammar:** This month we will be working on identifying real-life connections between words and their use.

#### Math: Go Math Chapter 9 – Length of Metric Unit

-I can measure the length of an object by using appropriate tools such as rulers, yardsticks, meter sticks, and measuring tapes.

-I can measure length of an object twice, using length units of different lengths for the two measurements, and describe how the two measurements relate to the size of the unit chosen.

-I can estimate lengths using units of inches, feet, centimeters, and meters.

-I can measure to determine how much longer one object is than another, expressing the length difference in terms of a standard length unit.

-I can relate addition and subtraction to length.

**Social Studies:** We are studying rural, urban and suburban communities.

**Science:** We are studying habitats of plants and animals.

**Technology:** During the month of May, 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.

**Ms. Granatelli (332):** During the month of May, students will continue practicing drawing, painting, collage and working with modeling clay.

**Ms. LaMorte (Class 332):** Students will learn 3 new pieces for singing/dancing and mallet work on Barred Instruments and learn French Folk dance that introduces a fermata (music sign that means to hold).

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

### \*IMPORTANT DATES

5/10 – Plant Sale – Schedule to follow

5/15 – PAWS Awards, 6:30pm – PTA Meeting, 7:00pm

5/27 – Memorial Day – No School

5/29, 5/30 & 5/31 – Class Trip – Bricks for Kids

### 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

\* Pretzels for our Panthers Friday May 3 (\$1/pretzel)

\* Teacher appreciation week! May 6th – 10th

\* "Principal for a day". Raffles on sale until May 9th. (\$1/ticket; \$10/12 tickets; \$20/25 tickets)

\* Street Fair May 9<sup>th</sup> from 5pm – 8pm. Join us for dancing in the street, face painting, games and a live drawing of our "principal for a day" raffle winners.

\* Plant Sale Friday May 10<sup>th</sup> (class schedule times to be distributed closer to event)

\* PTA meeting May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Elections held for PTA board members as well as SLT board members for the next school year (2019-2020)



### A Note From Ms. Ponzi

Hello Petrides Families,

Spring has sprung-hopefully everyone can get outside and enjoy that sunshine!! The feeling of excitement is in the air as we near the end of our school year. Let's make sure to stay focused and bright until then.

We would like to commend our dedicated 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders for their hard work and commitment with preparing for the NYS ELA and Math tests. We are confident you did great!

We look forward to all of the exciting culminating events that are quickly approaching. Please mark your calendars and save the dates accordingly. I can't wait to celebrate with you all.

Sincerely,  
Ms. Ponzi

