

2nd Grade Newsletter

Week of August 31-
September 4

Reading/ Language Arts

This week we will focus on describing the overall structure of a story (characters, setting, problem, solution), including how the beginning introduces the action and the ending concludes the story. We will do this by analyzing the story structure of one of the most well-known fables: *The Tortoise and The Hare*. As you read at home with your child, ask him/her to describe the characters, setting and plot. Being familiar with story structure really improves comprehension because it helps students identify important information in the story.

Phonics: Short a and Short i

Language Arts:

- What makes a sentence? Subject (naming part) and Predicate (action part)
- Alphabetical Order (getting ready for dictionary skills)

Important Dates

September 3- Muffins with Mom

September 7- Labor Day/No School

September 11- ADDitions Orientation

September 24- Open House

September 25- Picture Day

Math

We will begin our first unit in math for the year exploring number concepts. This includes understanding even and odd numbers, as well as the value of a digit in a 2-digit number (tens and ones)

This can be reinforced at home by having your child model an even number by pairing, and also showing that an odd number will always have one by itself. For place value, have your child model 25, as 2 tens and 5 ones. They can draw a picture model of a number, or they can build it by using blocks or sticks that represent ten, and using small pieces to represent ones. Encourage your child to explain their understanding of the concept using math vocabulary as much as possible.

Social Studies/ Science

This week in Social Studies, we will learn that in this country we have many freedoms. We will talk about why we have rights, being a responsible citizen, the importance and consequences of not having rules and laws. The children will be examining the rules we have at home, school, and in our community. They will come to find out that rules and laws are made to be fair and to keep us safe.

If you haven't already done so, please remember to turn in all paperwork as soon as possible. Your child cannot participate in some of our fun school activities (P.E., Media, Computers, etc.) until those forms are returned.
Thank you!