

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Newsletter

Week of September 14-  
September 18

## Reading/Language Arts

This week we will learn about character traits and how events in a story can cause a character to change. We will discuss how an author helps us get to know a character through actions, dialogue and thoughts. Using this text evidence, we will be able to infer character traits. Instead of just identifying characters, we are now describing them on a deeper level.

### Phonics:

- Silent-e/Long Vowels a, l,
- Hard c (car) and Soft c (center)

### Language Arts:

- Types of Sentences (Statements, Questions, Commands, Exclamations)
- Multiple Meaning Words

## Important Dates

September 24- Open House

September 25- Picture Day

October 1- Donuts with Dad

## Math

We are nearing the end of Chapter 1 in math and will be ready to take the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter test this Friday. Look for a review of skills to come home on Thursday for extra practice. Please take a few minutes to go over this with your child, as he/she prepares for the test. Students will be expected to show their work, and for some questions, explain their answers in words, as well as drawing a model using tens and ones.

## Social Studies/ Science

This week we will begin to learn about inquiry skills. We will discuss how to distinguish between empirical observation and inferences. We will also become familiar with some of the tools scientists use to find out information.

Last week your child brought home a brochure about the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) assessment. This is a diagnostic tool that will assess the students' primary skills in reading and math. It will be given in the fall, winter, and spring. All of the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes will be taking the fall assessment this week. Please contact your child's teacher for specific assessment dates.