

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

Week of October 12-  
October 16

## Reading/Language Arts

This week in reading we are going to focus on identifying the main idea in informational texts. We will use a pizza metaphor to differentiate between the whole main idea and a main idea "slice." Each paragraph or section of the text has its own focus, but they all relate back to the overall main idea. can be one of the trickiest comprehension skills in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Many students can easily tell you details from a story, but most have a difficult time determining the main idea. As you are reading at home, help your child identify the main idea. If your child keeps pointing out details, guide him/her to the main idea by asking "What do all these details have in common?"

Phonics: Final Consonant Blends (-nd, -ng, -nk, -ft, -xt, -mp)

Language Arts:

- Prefixes un- and re-
- More Plural Nouns (-es, -ies)
- Collective Nouns

## Important Dates

Wednesday, October 14-  
No Early Release  
(School will dismiss at 3:15)

Fri. Oct. 23 and Mon. Oct. 26-  
NO SCHOOL

## Math

On Friday, we took the chap. 2 unit test. Those tests will come home as soon as they are graded.

Today, we began Unit 3. In this unit, we will focus on addition and subtraction strategies, learning different methods in order to fluently add and subtract within 20. Don't forget to study those basic math facts! We will have quizzes every two weeks, but mastering those facts will also help students in chap. 3.

## Social Studies/Science

This week in science we will be learning how to prepare for severe weather storms. Some of the storms we will learn about include thunderstorms, hurricanes, tornadoes, and blizzards. We will also learn about how these dangerous storms are formed and how to stay safe during the storms.

There is no early release this Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. School will dismiss at 3:15.

Our field trip to see the Orlando Ballet's performance of Sleeping Beauty has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. Due to limited seating, we will NOT be taking any chaperones. A permission slip will be sent home later in the week.