

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

Week of March 28-  
April 1

## Reading/Language Arts

This week we are integrating reading and social studies by reading an informational text about the 7 continents. We will focus on using non-fiction text features (headings, photographs, captions, bold print, etc.) to help us locate important information within the text.

Phonics: Words with *er, ir, ur*  
Language Arts:

- Adjectives
- Dictionary Skills (Multiple Meaning Words)

## Important Dates

Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>-  
No Early Release

Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>-  
Report Cards

Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>-  
Jump Rope for Heart

Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>-  
No Early Release

## Math

This week we are kicking off our unit on measuring length using the Metric System. I have referred to each measurement system as a "family," so the students have been eager to meet the members of the Metric family, including centimeter and meter. Before we jump into using actual rulers, we will use base-10 blocks cubes to represent one centimeter. The cubes help us see that each space on the ruler equals one centimeter. When we are using a ruler, it is the spaces that are important, not the numbered lines. Being able to visualize what a centimeter looks like will also help us make more accurate estimations.

## Social Studies/Science

In addition to reading about the 7 continents, we will also work on labeling them on a world map. But we won't stop there! We will take it a step further and label the 5 oceans, the North and South Poles, the Equator, and the Prime Meridian.

To accommodate state testing, this Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup> will be a full day of school (no early release). Dismissal will be at 3:15. This will occur again on Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.

There will also be several schedule changes throughout the month affecting our Specials and lunch times. Check the class blog for specific details.