

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

Week of May 2-  
May 6

## Reading/Language Arts

This week in reading we are taking the Unit 5 Benchmark Test. In addition to reading, analyzing, and responding to texts in writing, the students will also be tested on the following phonics patterns and rules: bossy-*r* words; suffixes *-ly* & *-ful*; prefixes *un-* & *re-*; and the "aw" sound with *aw*, *au*, *al*, *all*, etc.

This week we will also take the Unit 5 Benchmark Test on all of the language arts skills we have been working on: adjectives; irregular verbs; and editing sentences.

## Important Dates

Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>-  
PTA Meeting

Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>-  
Progress Reports

May 12<sup>th</sup>-  
Field Day

## Math

We have moved from solid figures to polygons. We've been busy classifying polygons according to their attributes (vertices, sides, angles) This week will incorporate fractions into our study of shapes. We will explore how we can divide shapes into equal parts and what we call these equal parts (halve, thirds, fourths, etc.). By dividing shapes, the students develop a concrete understanding that fractions are a part of a whole, and therefore smaller than the number 1. You can reinforce this skill at home at dinnertime by discussing how you divide one meal into equal parts. You can work together to determine which fraction of the meal each person is eating.

## Social Studies/Science

This week 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will launch its community service project! We will discuss the importance of giving back to our community. One way we can do this is by providing goods and services for free. The students will make stained glass butterflies to spread some cheer to nursing home residents. By producing these goods, we are also reinforcing our upcoming social studies unit on economics!

We will complete our last round of MAP testing the week of May 9<sup>th</sup>.  
Reading: Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>  
Math: Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>

Please remember, students should not be dropped off in the mornings before 8:30 unless they are attending extended day. Supervision of students is not provided prior to that time.