

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

Week of May 16-  
May 20

## Reading/Language Arts

All year long we have been learning how to ask and answer questions as read. This week, we will focus on the TYPES of questions we are asking and answering. We will learn the difference between a "thin" question (answer is right there in the text) versus a "thick" question (requires additional thinking beyond the text). We will sort our questions and discuss how "thick" questions help us grow as readers.

### Phonics:

- Long Vowels o and e
- Vowel Diphthongs oi, oy
- Final Stable Syllable -le

### Language Arts:

- Possessive Pronouns
- Opinion Writing

## Important Dates

Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>-  
Book Fair Night

Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>-  
ADDitions Celebration

Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>-  
Memorial Day/  
No School

## Math

Once we take our Chapter 11 Test this Wednesday, we will have officially finished the 2nd grade math curriculum! That means we have a few weeks to preview some 3<sup>rd</sup> grade skills.

This week we will learn about estimating sums and difference by rounding. We will learn how to round numbers to the nearest ten and hundred. The standard rule is that "4 and under stays the same... 5 and up, add one is the game!" (43 rounds to 40, but 48 rounds up to 50). It makes more sense we do the whole little rhyme, which I will post on the class blog. .

## Social Studies/Science

We are jumping into our next science unit on animal adaptations and habitats. We will begin by learning what living things need in order to survive (food, water, air, space, shelter). Although all animals have the same basic needs, their habitats can vary greatly. We will explore the habitats of a few different animals to compare how each animal gets its needs met in a specific environment. We will also learn about the special adaptations some animals have in order to survive in their habitats.

Thank you for all the support last week during Field Day! We had so many parent volunteers and it helped all the stations run smoothly. The kids had a blast and it wouldn't have been possible without you!