



2nd Grade News

October 3rd- October 7th

This Wednesday, October 5th is International Walk to School Day. Lace up those sneakers, give your car a rest, and enjoy a family walk to school!

Nurse Amy will be performing hearing screenings on all students this Thursday, October 6th. A letter was sent home a week or so ago, but all students will be tested unless you indicated otherwise.

Congratulations to last week's Principal's Award winner, Jackson!

Important Dates

Wednesday, October 5th-
International Walk to
School Day

Thursday, October 6th-
Hearing Screenings
PTA Meeting 8:30

Tuesday, October 11th-
Book Fair Night

Reading/ Language Arts

This week in reading we will be learning about point of view. We will use dialogue, thoughts, facial expressions/ body language, and actions to help us compare and contrast how different characters feel about a situation or event. We will even practice changing our voices to reflect each character's POV when reading aloud. As you read at home, ask your child describe a character's traits and POV in the story and then use text evidence (dialogue, thoughts, actions) to back it up. This week we will also work on describing how words and phrases add meaning to a story. We will identify different techniques that authors use to enrich their writing, such as onomatopoeia, metaphors, and repetition.

Our phonics skill this week will be double consonants and ck, like in the words stuff, buzz, clock and tell.

In writing, we will focus on identifying proper nouns and making sure we give them capital letters in our writing. As you read with your child at home, point out examples of proper nouns and explain why the author capitalized them.

Math

Last week we labeled the different parts of addition and subtraction equations, which led to a discussion about fact families. A fact family contains 3 numbers that can be manipulated to create 2 addition and 2 subtraction equations (For example: 2, 3, 5 can make $2+3=5$, $3+2=5$, $5-2=3$, $5-3=2$). This week we will continue to show how addition and subtraction are related. Being able to see these connections will help your child memorize all of the basic facts more efficiently.

Science & Social Studies

We are going to focus on science this week and kick off our new unit on weather! We will learn about weather patterns (seasonal changes) and different types of weather, and discuss ways we can prepare for severe weather (a timely topic during hurricane season). We will even act like meteorologists by charting the daily weather using real meteorology symbols.