



2nd Grade News

September 26th– September 30th

Donuts with Dad is this Wednesday, September 28th from 8:00–9:00 in the cafeteria. This coordinates with Dads Take Your Child to School Day. Come enjoy a donut to kick-off your Wednesday morning!

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

Important Dates

Wednesday, September 28th
Donuts with Dad

Wednesday, October 5th–
International Walk to School Day

Tuesday, October 11th–
Book Fair Night

Reading/ Language Arts

This week we will kick off a 3- week unit on narrative story structure. We will focus on describing the overall structure of a story (characters, setting, problem, solution), including how the beginning introduces the action and the ending concludes the story. As you read at home with your child, ask him/her to describe the characters, setting and plot. Being familiar with story structure really improves comprehension because it helps students identify important details in the story.

Our phonics skill this week will be final consonant blends (*-nd, -ng, -nk, -ft, -xt, -mp*) like in the words *jump* and *bank*.

In writing, we will learn about irregular plural nouns (ex: *child/children, mouse/mice*). We will also learn about collective nouns. These are nouns that represent a group, such as *flock, troop, club, litter*, etc.

Math

Our new math unit is all about addition and subtraction strategies! Most 2nd graders already understand the concepts of addition and subtraction, but we are really focusing on strategies and tricks that will help them increase their fluency and automaticity, such as doubles facts, near doubles facts, tens friends, and Flip Flop Facts. We will also work on fact families to show how addition and subtraction are related. Make sure you check out the class blog for some resources you can use to help your child memorize addition and subtraction facts.

Science & Social Studies

We are wrapping up both of our current units in science (rocks and soil) and social studies (the Constitution).