



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

September 5<sup>th</sup>- September 9<sup>th</sup>

If you haven't already done so, please join our school's amazing PTA! There will be a special raffle at the PTA meeting during Open House on Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have joined the PTA by this date, you will be entered to win several fun prizes.

Please make sure you have completed all of the online paperwork forms.

Donuts with Dad has been moved to Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> to coincide with Take Your Dad To School Day.

Please make sure you are checking your child's KOALA Book on a daily basis. It is such a valuable communication tool for parents and teachers.

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

## Important Dates

Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup>  
Labor Day- No School

Tues., Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>- Wed., Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>  
MAP Testing

Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>  
Open House @ 6:40

Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>  
Donuts with Dad

## Reading/ Language Arts

After several weeks of focusing on the text structure of narrative stories, we are moving on to informational texts and determining importance as we read. We will start with a more concrete example by classifying items in a suitcase as "important," "interesting," and "unimportant" for a beach vacation. Just as we try to avoid over packing for a trip, we also have to be careful about which details we pay the most attention to when we read. In order to be considered important, a detail must relate back to the main idea. For phonics, we will begin learning about the "magic e" at the end of words. The students will learn that this silent letter "makes the closest vowel say its name." We will also learn about the hard c (cat) and soft c (cinnamon) sounds.

In writing, we are focusing on the 4 main types of sentences: statements, questions, exclamations, and commands. We will work on using the appropriate punctuation to match each type of sentence.

## Math

This week we will work on identifying patterns on a number grid and skip counting by different amounts. Check the blog for some resources to practice at home! We will have our first math test on Friday, so be on the lookout for the review sheet for Thursday night's homework!

## Science & Social Studies

In science, we have been learning about different scientific tools and how scientists use them.

Our social studies will be incorporated into our reading this week. We will be learning about different United States symbols and what they represent (government, freedom, hope, etc.)