



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

October 24<sup>th</sup> - October 28<sup>th</sup>

This week is Red Ribbon Week. To celebrate, we will participate in Spirit Days:

Monday: Wear Red

Tuesday: Crazy Socks

Wednesday: Crazy Hair

Thursday: Sports Team

Friday: Bay Meadows Shirt

We DO have school this Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. This is the first hurricane make-up day.

Next Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> is our annual I Love a Book Day parade. Since we will be celebrating our love of books, students are only allowed to wear costumes relating to their characters. No scary masks or Halloween costumes, please. The parade will begin around 9:15 and parents are definitely invited to come cheer us on! Check the blog later in the week for information on the parade route and other important details.

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

## Important Dates

Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>-  
Hurricane Make-Up Day

Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>-  
I Love a Book Day  
Mystery Readers

## Reading/ Language Arts

This week in reading we will focus on determining the meaning of an unknown word or phrase in an informational text. We will learn several context clues strategies, including rereading sentences around the word/phrase, thinking of synonyms that could fit, using word parts (base words and prefixes/suffixes), and looking for details in the pictures. We will also learn how to look-up words in a dictionary. When you child comes to an unknown word in their reading at home, ask him/her to use one of these strategies to try to figure it out!

Our phonics skill will be root words with endings -ed and -ing. We will focus on words that drop the final e before adding an ending. Even though the "silent e" has been dropped, students still need to remember that the vowel sound is long- that can be tricky! We will also learn about CV/Open Syllables where the vowel is long.

In writing, we will focus on subject-verb agreement with present-tense verbs. Conjugating verbs can be confusing. As your child writes at home, please check to make sure that his/her verb usage is grammatically correct.

## Math

This week we are beginning Chapter 4 in math, which is all about 2-digit addition. In order to emphasize the concepts behind 2-digit addition, we introduce the students to many different strategies, some of which might seem a little foreign to you. In the end, each student usually finds one strategy that works for him/her, but being exposed to, and practicing all of the strategies builds a strong foundation of the concept itself. When students understand the why in math, the steps are more likely to "stick."

## Science & Social Studies

Our informational text in reading incorporates our new social studies unit on immigration! We learn how immigration developed and changed over time, beginning with the colonists all the way through the immigration boom at Ellis Island and the modern immigration of today.