



2nd Grade News

October 31st - November 4th

In order to accommodate a 3rd-5th grade field trip, our lunchtime will be changed this Friday, November 4th. We will eat from 11:32-11:57.

Teach-In 2016 is quickly approaching on Wednesday, November 16th. This event is a great opportunity for students to see how many of the skills they are learning in school transfer to the "real world." We would love to have as many parents as possible come in to share their interesting skills, jobs, talents, interests and hobbies. If you are interested, please let me know and I will send home a registration form. So far, we have one parent registered to come in and we would love to have more. I promise we won't bite! Thanks!

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

Important Dates

Sunday, November 13th-
Koala Krawl and Fall Festival

Wednesday, November 16th-
Teach-In

Thursday, November 17th-
Solar Bears Field Trip

Reading/ Language Arts

This week will focus on non-fiction text features, such as headings, subheadings, bold print, photographs, captions and labels. These features play an important role in understanding how informational/non-fiction texts are structured. As readers, we use these text features to read informational texts very differently than we read fiction stories. We will discuss how we can use these text features to help us locate important information efficiently. When you are reading with your child at home, make sure you ask questions that require the use of text features to find the answer. Point out how the text features make it faster and easier to find the information.

Our phonics skill will be contractions. We will focus on which 2 words make up the contraction and which letters get replaced by the apostrophe.

In writing, we are moving on from present tense verbs and will compare verb tenses. We will learn how verbs change in the present, past, and future.

Math

We are continuing our unit on 2-digit addition strategies. After spending all of last week modeling the concept of "regrouping" using base-10 blocks, this week we will finally get into the standard algorithm ("carry that one!") and transfer our knowledge over to paper and pencil work. **There is a great app called "Number Pieces" that allows kids to model addition using base-10 blocks. Try downloading it and have your child explain when, why, and how they regroup to add 2-digit numbers.**

Science & Social Studies

In science, we are learning all about the parts of the human body! The students really enjoy this unit because **they** actually get to be the objects of the experiments! Through reading different texts and performing different labs, we will learn about the functions of the brain, heart, lungs, stomach, muscles, and skeleton.