



2nd Grade News

November 7th– November 11th

The Koala Krawl and Fall Festival is this Sunday, November 13th. The Koala Krawl begins at 11:30 and the festival follows immediately after from 12:00–4:00. Make sure you stop by the silent auction because I have a special item up for grabs! ☺ The PTA has worked so hard to plan a fun event and the money they raise will go towards building a much-needed 2nd/3rd grade playground. Please come out and support our wonderful school!

The November calendar originally stated that there would be a "spirit week" leading up to the Koala Krawl/Fall Festival. Since we just did a spirit week a couple weeks ago for Red Ribbon Week, the PTA decided to wait until the Walk-a-thon in February to do another one.

This week your child will be bringing home a Non-Fiction Turkey Book Report this week. Please help your child pick an informational book on his/her level to read for the report. Please also make sure that your child is completing the book report with 100% effort, which includes complete sentences with appropriate capitalization and punctuation. Encourage your child to "sell" the book to their classmates by including interesting, important facts. The book report is due Monday, November 21st.

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

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 we are switching back to fiction texts and focusing on making inferences. This implicit comprehension skill is one of the most difficult, but also one of the most important in order to really interact with a text. The students will learn the "equation" to create an inference (text evidence + schema = inference). We will learn that the illustrations can provide us with just as many valuable clues as the words. As we read, we still stop and add our schema to the text in order to think more deeply about the characters, setting, and plot.

Our phonics skill this week will be base words with -s and -es endings.

In writing we will work on creating compound sentences. We will join 2 shorter sentences together using words like "and," "but," "so," and "or." I call these words "cohesive ties" and we will experiment with different ways to "tie" sentences together and make our writing less choppy. I will also be stressing that these words come in the MIDDLE of a sentence. It can be so difficult to break the habit of beginning sentences with "and!"

Math

This week we will focus on word problems involving 2-digit addition. As with our previous unit, we will look for keywords and write equations to show our thinking. We will also learn how to add three 2-digit addends. On Thursday, we will review everything we've learned in preparation for Friday's test. Please make sure your child shows all his/her work on Thursday night's math review homework. It is so easy to make little computation mistakes, but students can earn half credit if I can see they used a strategy correctly.

Science & Social Studies

This week is election week! We will learn about why we vote and the process of voting. We will take part in a mock-election and see if our results match the rest of the country!