



2nd Grade News

January 9th - January 13th

We had such an amazing time on our field trip to Sea World last week. We managed to squeeze quite a bit into a short amount of time. Thank you to our wonderful chaperones who kept our group safe and really took charge so I didn't have to worry about a thing! ☺

Don't forget- Curriculum Night is this Thursday, January 19th from 6:00-7:30 (5:30 if you preordered Chick-Fil-A). There will be a variety of presentations for parents to attend, as well special activities just for students. It is a great opportunity to hear about what/how your child is being taught at school, and what you can do to support learning at home. I hope to see you all there!

Important Dates

Thursday, January 19th-
Curriculum Night

Monday, January 23rd-
Celebrate Literacy Week begins!

Wednesday, January 25th-
Family Dinner Night
(tentative- stay tuned for details)

Reading/ Language Arts

We are continuing to work on describing how characters respond to major events and challenges in a story. This week we will also learn about common prefixes (*pre-*, *re-*, *un-*, *over-*) and suffixes (*-ful*, *-ly*, *-er*) and how they change the meaning of a root word. Morphology is one of my favorite things to teach because it encourages students make connections between words in order to unlock meaning. Once they know the common prefixes and suffixes, they begin to notice them everywhere and it really expands their vocabularies. See how many prefixes and suffixes you can find in the books you are reading at home!

Our phonics skill will be short vowel base-words where you double the final consonant before adding the *-ed* and *-ing* endings (*clapped*, *swimming*, *dropped*, etc.)

In writing, we are continuing to work on our mystery stories. Many of the students' stories are inspired by real events when something important went missing. They love narrative writing and our "Work on Writing" center has now become the most popular choice!

Math

We have now shifted our focus to 3-digit subtraction. We will start the week by practicing regrouping in the hundreds AND tens places. Then we will move on to one of the trickiest regrouping concepts: regrouping zeroes. As usual, number stories will also be incorporated with each skill and we are still working on identifying and solving those tricky 2-step problems!

Science & Social Studies

This week we will learn about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and all his amazing accomplishments and contributions!