



2nd Grade News

January 30th– February 3rd

Our school survey is now available to parents online. It only takes a few minutes to complete and provides our school with valuable feedback. Be sure to print the survey completion screen from your computer when you are finished and send it to school with your child so he/she can receive a small prize.

https://ocps.azl.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cP9ZqTrmIkNORh3

Walk-a-thon envelopes went home last week. We are raising money to build a 2nd and 3rd grade playground. The Walk-a-thon will be held Friday, February 10th during Specials (9:45-10:25). We appreciate your support!

Important Dates

Friday, February 10th–
Walk-a-thon
@ Specials 9:45-10:25

Reading/ Language Arts

We are integrating reading and social studies again and also getting a head start on Black History Month by reading an article about several famous Black Americans. We will focus on identifying the main idea of the entire article, as well as the main idea of each section. We will use our pizza metaphor to show how the sections (pizza slices) are connected (whole pizza). Here are some questions you can ask when reading nonfiction books at home:

- *What is the main topic of this text?*
- *What key ideas, details, and events in each paragraph helped you determine this?*
- *What is the main focus of this paragraph/section?*
- *How does the paragraph/section connect back to the main topic?*
- *What details would you include when recounting what this text is about?*

Our phonics skill for the week is words that end in *y* and make the long-*e* sound (baby, puppy).

This week in writing we will use our new knowledge about the 7 continents to write an opinion piece about which continent we would most like to visit and why.

Math

This week we will kick-off our unit on money and time! We will begin by identifying the different coins and their values. Since counting coins is really a mental math skill, we will work on skip counting the coins in our head, beginning with the coin that has the greatest value. Developmentally speaking, money is one of the most difficult skills for 2nd graders. Luckily, money is also very applicable to real life, so there are plenty of opportunities to practice at home! Keep a piggy bank of loose change for your child to count. Or have your child count out the coins for you at the grocery store. Each of these little experiences will help your child feel more comfortable with the different coins and their values.

Science & Social Studies

In social studies, we will continue learning about the 7 continents, as well as the 5 oceans. We will also practice using the different features on maps and globes to locate important information.