



2nd Grade News

February 13th– February 17th

Our school survey is still 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_cP9ZqTmIKNORh3

This Friday night is PTA Family Movie Night. We will be showing Finding Dory. A big screen will be set up on the P.E. field and there will be food available for purchase. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, sleeping bags and pillows for a movie under the stars with your Bay Meadows Family!

Next Tuesday, February 21st, our class will be taking the Universal Gifted Screening assessment in the computer lab. Per district guidelines, all 2nd graders who are not already in the Gifted program will be screened.

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

Important Dates

Friday, February 17th–
Family Movie Night
Progress Reports

Monday, February 20th–
Presidents Day– No School

Tuesday, February 21st–
2nd Grade Universal
Gifted Screening

Reading/ Language Arts

We are starting another big unit on comparing and contrasting different versions of the same story. This time around we will read 4 different versions of *The Three Billy Goats Gruff* and use story maps to record the characters, settings, problems, major events, and solutions in each book. We will also look for key elements that repeat, such as sets of 3, onomatopoeia, size order (smallest to largest), and rich vocabulary. Here are some questions you can ask when comparing and contrasting different versions of stories at home:

- *Who is the main character in each version?*
- *Did the author set the stories in different place or periods of time?*
- *How are the adventures and experiences of ALL the characters alike? How are they different?*
- *What can you tell from the pictures about how the versions are alike or different?*
- *Is one version funnier, happier, scarier, or sadder than the other?*
- *Do the characters learn a similar lesson? How do they learn the same lesson in different ways?*

For phonics, we will continue learning about “the bossy r” and focus on or/ore words (horn, more).

In writing, we will work on identifying adjectives in sentences and explaining which noun is being described. We will also do several brainstorming activities using our 5 senses to generate a list of vivid adjectives to use in our future writing.

Math

We will continue learning about telling time this week. The students have learned how to tell time to the 5 minute mark and we are working on telling time to the exact minute. We will also be working on concepts like “quarter ‘til” and “half past,” as well as A.M. and P.M. We will take our unit test on Friday, so be on the lookout for the review homework on Thursday. I love seeing the look of pride on the kids faces now that they have unlocked the secret to telling time! They feel so independent and grown-up because they no longer have to ask an adult for the time. Keep practicing at home and check the class blog for some fun app suggestions!

Science & Social Studies

The kids are officially obsessed with maps, globes, and the seven continents. We will continue to explore them this week. We will also try a special Valentine's Day-themed science experiment to see how liquids and solids interact with one another and change their properties in the process.