



2nd Grade News

March 13th– March 17th

We had such an amazing turnout for our 2nd grade show last Thursday night. Thank you so much for bringing your children back to school to participate in this special event. The students had the biggest smiles stretched across their faces when we got back to our classroom after the show and were beaming with pride. I know it is a night they will always remember! Thank you to Lucia and Anastasia's parents for donating cookies and pizza to celebrate!

This Thursday, March 16th is Jump Rope for Heart during our normal Specials time: 9:45-10:25. This is a day to celebrate living a heart healthy lifestyle! Parents are invited to join us on the P.E. court for a variety of jump rope activities.

This Friday, March 17th is a Teacher Workday, so there is no school. It also kicks off our week-long Spring Break! We will return to school on Monday, March 27th. Remember, Spring Break is a great opportunity to fill those Reading Logs with lots of books. **Please also try to complete 45 minutes of iReady Reading and 45 minutes of iReady Math.**

Important Dates

Thursday, March 16th–
Jump Rope for Heart
(during Specials @ 9:45-10:25)

Fri, March 17th– Fri, March 24th
Spring Break

Wednesday, March 29th–
Full Day, No Early Release
Dismissal @ 3:15

Friday, March 31st–
Report Cards

Reading/ Language Arts

This week in reading we will be comparing and contrasting the most important points found in 2 texts on the same topic. We will read an article and watch a video about fire safety and create a double bubble map to illustrate the similarities and differences between them. If a point is repeated in both texts, then that tells us that it must be REALLY important! Here are some questions you can ask when you are comparing and contrasting informational texts at home:

- *What are the important points in each text?*
- *Where can you look to confirm your ideas about what's important (headings, first sentences of paragraphs, tables of contents)?*
- *How are the important points in the two texts similar?*
- *How are the important points in the two texts different?*

In writing, we will use what we learned about fire safety to write opinion pieces about which safety tip is the most important and why.

Math

This week we are kicking off Chapter 9, which will take us into measuring length using the Metric System. I have referred to each measurement system as a "family," so the students have been eager to meet the members of the Metric family, including centimeter and meter. Before we jump into using actual rulers, we will use base-10 blocks cubes to represent one centimeter. The cubes help us see that each space on the ruler equals one centimeter. When we are using a ruler, it is the spaces that are important, not the numbered lines. Being able to visualize what a centimeter looks like will also help us make more accurate estimations.

Science & Social Studies

We've been having a blast exploring how we use energy in our everyday lives! One concept that has really stuck out to the kids is how the sun is the strongest source of energy and the domino effect that occurs when that energy is transferred.

For example: The sun's energy helps grass grow.
→ Cows get energy from eating grass. → Cows use that energy to produce milk. → We drink milk, which gives us energy to do things like push a rock!