



2nd Grade News

April 10th – April 14th

To accommodate state testing, **this Wednesday will be a full day of school (no early release). Dismissal will be at 3:15.**

Important Dates

**Wednesday, April 12th–
Full Day, No Early Release,
Dismissal @ 3:15**

**Friday, April 28th–
Family Fun Night @ Sky Zone**

Reading/ Language Arts

This week we will focus on acknowledging differences in point of view and how a character's viewpoint can change over the course of a story. We will use a character's actions, dialogue, and thoughts as clues. Here are some questions you can ask when reading narrative texts at home:

- *What are the characters thinking or feeling at different parts of the story?*
- *Do the characters show what they are feeling or do they hide it?*
- *How do the characters' actions show what they are thinking or feeling inside?*

For phonics, we will be focusing on words with *oa*, like in the word "hook."

In writing, we will work on using possessive nouns. The concept of possession can be difficult for many students to understand. We introduce the concept by changing sentences from "He borrowed the pencil of John" or "He borrowed the pencil that belongs to John" into "He borrowed John's pencil." One of the tricky things about this concept is that it can cause students to start over-using apostrophes. Once students learn about adding the 's, they tend to start using it for everything (particularly plural words that add s at the end). It is important to distinguish between plurals and possessives. Please check your child's writing carefully at home to make sure he/she is not making this mistake.

Math

We are continuing our unit on data and graphs. The students have really enjoyed surveying each other and displaying their data in various forms. We are also working on analyzing and interpreting our data. To make this unit even more relevant and meaningful, we will begin collecting and graphing data using our classroom Word Wall. We will take quizzes to determine how many students have mastered spelling each word and remove the words that we now know. We will use the iPad app "Teaching Graphs" to display our data. Try creating some family surveys and graphing the results using this fun app at home.

Science & Social Studies

We are kicking off a new social studies unit on economics! This week we will learn the difference between goods and services. Point out all the goods and services you pay for on a daily basis.