



2nd Grade News

April 17th – April 21st

Reading/ Language Arts

This week we will engage in a “text talk,” which is a reading routine designed to build vocabulary through context. As we read, we will ask and answer questions about key details, but we will also highlight 3 rich vocabulary words to study in depth. Here are some questions you can ask to build vocabulary during read alouds at home:

- *How can I use surrounding words in a sentence to figure out the meaning of a word or phrase?*
- *Can I use a known prefix or suffix to figure out the meaning of an unknown word?*
- *Can I use a known root word to figure out the meaning of a word with the same root?*
- *Can I use my knowledge of individual words to predict the meaning of compound words?*
- *Can I use a glossary or dictionary to determine or clarify the meaning of words and phrases?*

For phonics, we will be focusing on vowel diphthongs ou and ow, like in the words “cow” and “house.”

In writing, we will work on writing an informative text in response to the story we are reading.

Friday, April 28th will be a hurricane make-up day. We were originally scheduled to have this day off, but it will now be a regular day of school. That night is also Bay Meadows Family Fun Night at Sky Zone. The cost is only \$6 per person and includes 2 hours of jumping, 2 slices of pizza, and a bottle of water. Check in begins at 5:30, and jumping runs from 6:00-8:00. Return the form and money to school in the envelope provided by the PTA by April 24th.

Important Dates

Friday, April 28th–

Hurricane Make-Up Day
(We WILL have school)

Family Fun Night @ Sky Zone
5:30–8:00

Math

We will be reviewing all our graphing and data skills this week by creating graphs on a variety of topics. The most difficult parts of making a graph are coming up with a title and correctly labeling the x-axis and y-axis. All of this information is provided in the prompt, but the students are still struggling to pull-out the relevant pieces. We will do our in-class review on Wednesday and take the test on Thursday.

Science & Social Studies

We will continue our economics unit by learning about consumers and producers. We will find examples of how we act as both consumers and producers in our everyday lives.