



2nd Grade News

April 24th - April 28th

This 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

Thursday, April 27th-
Progress Reports

Friday, April 28th-
Hurricane Make-Up Day
(We WILL have school)
Family Fun Night @ Sky Zone
5:30-8:00

Wednesday, May 10th-
2nd Grade Field Day

Reading/ Language Arts

We are doing another "text talk" this week, which is a reading routine designed to build vocabulary through context. This week's story is based on a real event, so we will also gather information from an actual news clip. We will combine information from both sources to answer key detail questions (Who? What? Where? When? Why? How?) to create "headlines" that summarize the story. When reading aloud at home, here are some additional questions you can ask to check for comprehension of key details:

- *What happens or is said in this text?*
- *Which words, pictures, phrases, and sentences help you know this?*

For phonics, we will review ways to make the long-*a* and long-*i* sounds. We will also learn about vowel diphthongs *oi* and *oy* (toy, avid).

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

Math

Our new unit in math is all about geometry! We will begin by exploring 3-D shapes. We will compare and contrast their surfaces/ faces, edges and vertices. We will also work on classifying 3-D shapes based on these attributes. A fun way to practice this skill is to ask your child to find examples of 3-D shapes using objects around the house. This unit contains a lot of new vocabulary, so try incorporating all those special geometry terms. There is also a fun app called "Draw Solid Geometry" that can help your child practice drawing 3-D shapes.

Science & Social Studies

This week we will learn about earning, saving, and spending money. We will talk about budgets and wants versus needs. For some additional fun, we will also learn how to write a check and balance a checkbook after we make a "purchase."

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