



2nd Grade News

May 15th - May 19th

To coordinate with the final Book Fair of the school year, we will be hosting Camp Read-A-Lot Thursday, May 18th from 5:30-7:30. In addition to extended Book Fair hours, there will also be literacy-focused games and activities.

Our class is also holding our lemonade stand to benefit The Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida during Camp Read-A-Lot. I would love for as many of the kids as possible to stop by and take a "shift" running the stand. If possible, please let me know a time period between 5:00 and 7:30 when your child would be able to attend the event and serve lemonade.

All school library books are due this Friday, May 19th. Please make sure your child returns any books that he or she currently has at home. Final report cards will not be given to students on the last day of school if they have not returned or paid for their overdue books. Thanks for your help!

Our class will shop the Book Fair next Monday, May 22nd from 10:50-11:10. Parents are welcome to shop with us, or you can send money to school with your child.

Important Dates

- Thursday, May 18th-
- Music Show and Tell
 - Book Fair Night
 - Coalition For the Homeless Lemonade Stand

Friday, May 19th-
All Media Center Books Due

Monday, May 22nd-
Book Fair Shopping
10:50-11:10

Reading/ Language Arts

We are continuing our informational research unit on rollercoasters and other Orlando attractions! We will be collecting information from real theme park brochures, as well as real theme park websites (which will help us learn about digital search tools). When reading aloud at home, here are some questions you can ask to discuss the organization and purpose of a non-fiction text :

- *Is the author's purpose to describe people, events, and concepts; to give steps in a process; or to describe how to do something?*
- *How do the pictures, text features, and words work together to help you understand the main topic?*
- *When you "add up" the section headings, what do you learn? How do they build on one another to give you information about the main topic?*

Our writing is being integrated through our research. Students will use the information they collect from the brochures to decide whether or not they would recommend that attraction to a friend. They will have to support their opinion in writing.

Math

Who knew Fractions would be such a big hit?! It turns out fractions were at the top of many students' "must learn" lists, so they have been loving all the hands-on activities. This week we will focus on how fractions are used in real world situations. The students will read scenarios involving dividing something into equal parts and will then draw pictures and diagrams to solve the problem. We will review our unit on geometry and fractions on Thursday and take the test on Friday.

Science & Social Studies

We will be busy preparing for our service learning project this week. We are working on advertising our lemonade stand, as well as raising awareness for the Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida by making posters, appearing on the Koala News, and writing facts about homelessness on the cups we will sell.

This week we will also do our roller coaster STEM project. We will combine everything we've learned about potential energy and kinetic energy with lots of toilet paper rolls, tape, and cups to create our own thrilling roller coasters!