

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade News

May 22<sup>nd</sup> - May 26<sup>th</sup>

## 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.

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

This week we have a special homework assignment called "Teach the Class." I am asking the students to write a short paragraph that explains something they would like to teach the class how to do. This mini-project is due this Friday, May 26th, so we can spend the last few of days of school learning from each other. Please email me if you have any questions.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade End-Of-Year Party will be this Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> from 10:30-12:00 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade hallway. All parents are invited to come help out and celebrate the end of an amazing year! Please email our room parents to find out how you can help!

## Math

We have officially finished the 2nd grade math curriculum! That means we can begin preparing for 3rd grade math. This week we will learn about estimating sums and difference by rounding. We will learn how to round numbers to the nearest ten and hundred. The standard rule is that "4 and under stays the same... 5 and up, add one is the game!" (43 rounds to 40, but 48 rounds up to 50). It makes more sense we do the whole little rhyme, which I will post on the class blog. ③

## oth Science & Social Studies

Thanks to your generous support, our lemonade stand raised \$200.36 for the Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida! The kids worked so hard from beginning to end on this project, and we far exceeded our fundraising goal! I know you all have busy schedules, so I appreciate you bringing your children back to school for this event. I am one proud teacher!

## **Important Dates**

Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>-Book Fair Shopping 10:50-11:10

Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>-End Of Year Party 10:30-12:00

Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>-Memorial Day, No School