



2nd Grade News

August 28th - September 1st

Our ADDitions and New Parent Orientation is this Friday morning, September 1st. Our outstanding group of parent volunteers is one of the things that makes Bay Meadows so special. This meeting will explain how you can get involved and the various ways you can volunteer your time around the school. **Don't forget, to volunteer or chaperone a field trip, you must complete the online ADDitions application. The link is on our class blog or you can use:**

<https://ocps.net/cms/one.aspx?portalId=54703&pageId=89698>

Please make sure you are checking your child's KOALA Book on a daily basis. It is such a valuable communication tool for parents and teachers.

We do not have school next Monday, September 4th in honor of Labor Day.

Congratulations to last week's Principal's Award winner, Anishka!

Important Dates

Friday, September 1st-
ADDitions Orientation

Monday, September 4th-
Labor Day- No School

iReady Diagnostic Testing
Tuesday, September 5th-
Friday, September 8th

Reading/ Language Arts

We are continuing to work on the first 3 major literature reading standards: asking and answering questions about key details, recounting stories and determining their morals, and describing how characters respond to the major events and challenges. Students will get more independent practice with writing their own questions, as well as recounting a story using the "Somebody, Wanted, But, So, Then" format. Additionally, we will use a "Character/Challenge/Response" chart to record the cause-and-effect relationship between a challenge and a character's response. We will discuss how overcoming a challenge often teaches the main character lesson (also known as the central message or moral of the story). One of our texts this week will be from the *Henry and Mudge* series by Cynthia Rylant. This is a perfect 2nd grade series, so I highly encourage you to check it out the next time you visit the public library.

Our phonics skill for this week will be reviewing words with short vowels *e*, *a*, and *u*, as well as CVC (consonant-vowel-consonant) syllables.

In writing, we will begin working on our first narrative writing prompt, which involves recounting a story we read in class. We will learn how to "unpack the prompt" to determine a purpose for reading. This is an important prewriting step that helps the students dissect the prompt in order to respond appropriately.

Math

This week in math, we are continuing to work on reading and writing numbers in a variety of ways: standard form, expanded-form, quick drawings, and word form. We will also work on identifying patterns on a number grid and skip counting by different amounts (by 1s, 5s, 10s, and 100s to 1,000). Check the blog for some resources to practice at home!

Science & Social Studies

In science, we are learning how scientists observe using their 5 senses. We will also perform a fun experiment to test out the steps of the scientific method.

In social studies, we will be learning about citizenship and what it means to be a responsible citizen.