



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade News

October 2<sup>nd</sup> - October 6<sup>th</sup>

## Reading/ Language Arts

This week's reading standard is very involved and has a lot of new vocabulary. We will work on describing the connection between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures (yes, that is a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade standard!). To accomplish this learning goal, we will use sequencing and cause-and-effect vocabulary to link the big events together (first... because...so...then). When reading an informational text at home, try asking your child these questions:

- *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 illustrations, the text features, and the words work together to help me understand the main topic?*
- *When I "add up" the section headings, what do I learn? How do they build on one another to give information about the main topic?*

Our phonics skill this week will be final consonant blends (-nd, -ng, -nk, -ft, -xt, -mp) like in the words jump and bank.

In writing, we will continue working on our informational texts about Helen Keller.

Thank you for the terrific turnout at Open House! I hope that you found it informative and that you enjoyed getting a little glimpse into our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade world.

If you did not get a chance to sign-up for an October conference at Open House and would like to meet, please email me to arrange a time. In preparation of these conferences, your child will be bringing home a yellow pre-conference form for you to complete. This form helps me prepare for our conference and ensures that we cover all the topics that are important to you. Please complete the form and return it to school as soon as possible.

Nurse Amy will be performing hearing screenings on all students this Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

This Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> is International Walk to School Day. Lace up those sneakers, give your car a rest, and enjoy a family walk to school!

Congratulations to last week's Principal's Award winner, Alex! P!

## Important Dates

Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>-  
Hearing Screening

October 4<sup>th</sup>-  
Walk to School Day

Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>-  
Teacher Workday/ No School

Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>-  
No Early Release  
Full Day of School  
(Dismissal @ 3:00)

## Math

We have been working on different 2-digit addition strategies, such as modeling with base-10 blocks, using an open number line, modeling with tens frames, and using a bar model (part-part-whole). We have also been practicing writing equations different ways (horizontal and vertical) and using letters to represent the missing number ( $25+33=x$ ). We have introduced the concept of regrouping (borrowing), and the models have been a big part of laying that foundation. This week we will continue those strategies with subtraction problems, as well as problems with missing addends. This is all taught through word problems, so the students also used the CUBES strategy to help them pull out the most important information. Check the blog for resources!

## Science & Social Studies

This month's character trait of the month is cooperation! We will discuss how to be a team player and how to work with others to achieve a common goal. Our Principal's Award winners for October will be students who demonstrate cooperation at school.