



2nd Grade News

October 16th - October 20th

There is no school this Monday, October 16th due to a Teacher Workday.

This Friday, October 20th is Muffins with Mom from 7:45-8:30. Stop by and enjoy a morning treat with your kiddo before starting your day!

The new iReady goal for Kindergarten through 2nd grade is:

- 8 Lessons in Reading with an Overall Pass Rate of 80%
- 8 Lessons in Math with an Overall Pass Rate of 80%.

The reason the goal was changed is that we do not want to have students go over 60 minutes a week as that can actually be counter-productive. We really need students to stay between 45 - 60 minutes of iReady time per subject, per week.

Surprisingly enough, research is actually showing that going beyond 60 minutes per week can do more harm than good. Once you see that your child has reached 60 minutes in a subject, please have him/her stop for the week. You can always work on Xtra Math instead!

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

Important Dates

Monday, October 16th -
Teacher Workday/ No School

Wednesday, October 18th -
Picture Retakes

Friday, October 20th -
Muffins with Mom

Thursday, October 27th -
Ballet Field Trip

Friday, October 27th -
Hurricane Make-Up Day

Reading/ Language Arts

This week we are wrapping up our first informational text unit. It has covered three standards: asking and answering questions, identifying main idea, and making connections between historical events, scientific concepts, and steps in technical procedures. We will review on Tuesday and take the test on Wednesday. On Thursday, we will begin our next literature unit.

Our phonics skill this week will be consonant digraphs (sh, th, wh, ch, tch, ph). Unlike consonant blends where you hear each letter's sound, the letters in a consonant digraph work together to create a brand new sound.

In writing, we will write an informational paragraph using information we learned from a biography about Gabriela Mistral, a famous Chilean poet, educator, and recipient of the Nobel Prize for Literature.

Math

This week we will work on finding the sums of 3 addends. We will discuss the best ways to chunk the numbers in order to add them efficiently. We will also continue to work on using CUBES to solve word problems. I have been so impressed by the strategies some of the students have been using on their homework! I love seeing them apply what they've learned about open number lines, quick drawings, and bar models all on their own!

Science & Social Studies

The kids have been loving our science unit on matter and this week we will examine the difference between changing the properties of matter versus changing the states of matter.

We are continuing to learn about history in social studies, including studying how Native Americans lived in the past (compared to now).