



2nd Grade News

December 4th- December 8th

This Thursday night is Science Night here at Bay Meadows! 5th grade will display and present their Science Fair projects and the Orlando Science Center will have a series of hands-on science activities set-up for the children to explore. If you pre-ordered pizza, it will be available from 5:30-6:00. The science stations will run from 6:00-7:30. This is one of my favorite family events of the year! Hope to see you there!

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

Important Dates

Thursday, December 7th-
PTA Meeting
Science Night

December 11th, 12th, 14th, 15th-
iReady Winter Diagnostic Testing

Wednesday, December 20th-
Holiday Party 12:40-end of day

Reading/ Language Arts

This week we will focus on identifying the main purpose of an informational text. We will use a lemon**ADE** metaphor to decide what the author wants to **a**nswer, **d**escribe, or **e**xplain. Here are some questions you can ask your child at home:

- Why did the author write this text?
- Is the author trying to answer a question, describe something, or explain how to do something?
- Did the author want me to know everything about this topic? Or just some things?
- Does this text teach me the steps of how to do something?
- Does the author want to share information about a topic that matters to him or her?

Our phonics skill this week will be vowel digraphs that make the long-o sound: *o*, *oa* and *ow*.

In writing, we will write an opinion piece in response to an informational text.

Math

In math, we are kicking off the new year with a new unit! Chapter 6 will focus on adding and subtracting 3-digit numbers. We will use a variety of strategies, including models and pictures, mental math and paper-and-pencil. We will also transfer our knowledge of regrouping from 2-digit numbers over to these larger numbers.

Science & Social Studies

In science, we are kicking off our new unit on energy! We will learn about different sources and forms of energy and how we use energy in our everyday lives.