



2nd Grade News

November 6th– November 10th

Our class will shop the Book Fair this Tuesday, November 7th From 11:30–11:50. Parents are welcome to shop with us, or you can send money to school with your child.

This Thursday, November 9th is our field trip to watch a Solar Bears hockey game! Please send your child to school in his/her yellow class t-shirt. It is going to be cold in the arena, so we suggest layering a long-sleeved shirt underneath, as well as bringing a jacket and wearing closed-toe shoes.

The Koala Krawl and Fall Festival is this Sunday, November 12th. The Koala Krawl begins at 11:30 and the Festival follows immediately after from 12:00–4:00. Make sure you stop by the silent auction because I have a special item up for grabs! ☺ The PTA has worked so hard to plan a fun event and the money they raise will go towards building a much-needed 2nd/3rd grade playground. Please come out and support our wonderful school!

This week will be Spirit Week to build excitement for the Koala Krawl and Fall Festival on Sunday. Please see the class blog for each day's theme.
Note: We will be wearing our yellow class shirts for our field trip on Thursday instead of participating in Spirit Week's Pajama Day. We will have our own Class Family Pajama Day on Thursday, November 16th instead.

Important Dates

Tuesday, November 7th–
Book Fair 11:30–11:50

Thursday, 9th–
Solar Bears Field Trip

Sunday, November 12th–
Koala Krawl and Fall Festival

Thursday, November 16th–
Class Family Pajama Day (NOT this
Thursday for Spirit Week)

Reading/ Language Arts

This week in reading we will work on describing how words and phrases add rhythm and meaning in a poem. We will identify different techniques (I call them "Golden Lines") that authors use to enrich their writing, such as onomatopoeia, metaphors, idioms, alliteration, rhyming words, and repetition. Here are some specific questions you can ask at home:

- Which words tell me the most about the characters or actions?
- Which words or phrases seem surprising or funny, and so may have a fancy (figurative) rather than a normal (literal) meaning?
- Which fancy words or phrases help me experience or understand the text in a deeper, more powerful way?
- Are there words in a poem or song that repeat or rhyme? How does this add to my understanding and enjoyment?

Our phonics skill this week will be base words with -s and -es endings.

In writing, we will work on responding to a poem. We will write about the theme of the poem and how the author conveys that message.

Math

We are continuing our unit on 2-digit subtraction. This week will work on rewriting horizontal equations vertically, making sure we line-up our tens and ones correctly. We will also learn how to use addition to solve subtraction problems, which once again emphasizes the important relationship and connection between addition and subtraction. Word problems and the CUBES strategies will be incorporated throughout each lesson.

Science & Social Studies

In science, we are starting a new unit on force and motion. We will experiment with moving objects using different motions (push vs pull) and different amounts of force (strong vs weak). We will also explore the effects of friction.