



## Second Grade March

Welcome to our Second grade class webpage. During the school year, this webpage is updated each month to keep you informed of what is happening in our classroom.



- **Read Across America**-Celebrate Reading-Friday, March 1
- **First Thursday**-12:15 Mass/Faith Family Dress Uniform: **Thursday**
- **No School**: Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> Faculty Professional Development
- **Gala Fundraiser**: Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>
- **Gala T-shirt Dress Down Day**: Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>
- **Spring Picture Day**: March 21
- **End of Marking Period**: March 22
- **Living Stations of the Cross**-8<sup>th</sup> Grade March 27<sup>th</sup>
- **Holy Thursday**: 12:15 Day
- **Good Friday**: No School
- **Easter**: March 31
- **Easter Vacation**: 4/01-4/05
- **Welcome back**: 4/08
- **First Communion**: May 4<sup>th</sup> 9am

### Writer's Workshop

In March we will be...

### **Writing about: Opinion**

- **Writing letters to Share about characters**

- Getting Energy for Writing by Talking about Books
- Writers Generate More letters: Developing New Opinions by Looking at Pictures
- Writers Make their letters about books even better by Retelling Important Parts
- Using Checklists to Set Goals
- Seasonal Writing
- Writing Poetry

**Grammar:** Subject-Verb Agreement, Articles, Collective Nouns

Our workshop begins with a short mini-lesson focusing on a specific skill. We will be busy writing each day to practice our writing skills.



In Reader's Workshop

In March we will be...

**Bigger Books Mean Amping Up Reading Power**

**Reading Skills:**

- Reading with fluency-Rehearsing Reading Voices
- Scooping up words into phrases
- Noticing Dialogue Tags
- Using Meaning to read fluently
- Reading at a Just Right Pace
- **Comprehension Skills: Analyzing Characters/Character Feelings/Illustrations Affecting Mood/Story Elements/Describing Characters/Identifying the lesson of the story**

**Ongoing-Reading Skills:** \* Making Inferences \* Comparing and Contrasting Characters and Folktales \* Identify \*Story Elements \*Finding Text Evidence \* Using Post-its to Jot down important details \*Developing Vocabulary \*Building Reading Fluency \*Analyzing Non-Fiction Text \*Locating Facts

**This week** we will read a book called: Each Kindness. In the story the character, Chloe realizes how she and her friends have been wrong in making fun of a new student for her shabby clothes and refusing to play with her. But, it is too late. The girl moved away and she missed out on the opportunity to show kindness.

As we progress through the year, your child will be taught a number of different reading strategies as they grow into fluent readers and comprehend text.

The most important thing that you can do to help your children grow as readers is to READ, READ, and READ! When your child hears you read it helps build fluency, increases their vocabulary, and helps with comprehension.

### Spelling

Second graders will be introduced to spelling rule. Students will practice spelling rules in a variety of ways. They will be tested for mastery. Some spelling words are differentiated to meet the various needs and skills of the students in our class.

## **Fundations Unit 10: New Concepts 2-Week Lesson**

- Double vowel syllable type
- Sounds of *ai* and *ay*
- Use of spelling option procedure for long /a/ sound
- Combining all types of syllables
- Homophones
- **Sample words:** paint display
- **Trick Words:** great country away America school thought

### Math

## **In March we will...**

### **Unit 4: Subtract 2-digit numbers**

- Totals of Mixed Coins and Bills

- **Multi-digit Subtraction Strategies**
- **Word Problems: Addition and Subtraction Within 100**

At home, you may want to practice the following skills:

- Addition and subtraction facts to 20 using mental strategies (For Mastery)
- Writing and reading numbers to 120
- Ones, tens, hundreds
- Draw Quick Hundreds, Tens, and Ones
- Represent numbers in different ways
- Combine ones, tens, and hundreds
- Comparing Numbers within 200 <>+
- Adding 2-digit numbers
- Money and fluency for Addition within 100
- Measure length in centimeters and inches
- Recognize and draw shapes
- Counting mixed coins and bills

### **Social Studies**

#### **In March we will...**

- **Learn about women in history**

Our Social Studies program incorporates language arts, encourages active student participation as they learn about the world around them, and connects what they have learned to their own personal experiences. We will learn about cultures, geography, history, citizenship, and government. We will read maps, learn about landforms, great Americans, traditions, economics, and life long ago.

### **Science**

In second grade we will learn all about: Engineering, the Earth's Surface, Solids and Liquids, and Environments for Living Things

**Plant Adventures:** Seed Dispersal/Animal Seed Dispersal/Water Sunlight, & Plant Growth/Plant Needs and Habitats

In this unit, students explore the needs of plants through hands-on investigations. They explore how and why plants disperse their seeds, what those seeds need in order to grow, and what the adult plants need in order to survive and thrive.

### Religion

We will be learning our prayers, sharing personal experiences, and discussing Scripture. We will be preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. Please help your child practice their prayers.

**Lent:** The season of Lent is a time to look inward and to evaluate our relationship with Christ. The season of Lent lasts for 40 days. We spend the time getting ready for the great feast of Easter. During lent we try to become better followers of Jesus. We try to help those in need and pray more. We try to give up things like fighting, gossiping, and disobeying. **Dear Jesus, help me to grow closer to you through my prayers. Amen.**

### We are preparing for First Holy Communion

### Homework Schedule

#### Monday

- Math
- Read for 15-20 minutes and record in log
- Spelling Rule sent home for daily practice

#### Tuesday-

- Journal Writing

#### Wednesday-

- Math
- Read for 15-20 minutes/ record in log

### Thursday-

- Math
- Read for 15-20 minutes/record in log

### Friday-

- Spelling test /reading log due
- Have a great weekend!

This is the general structure for each week. Be sure to check your child's folder each day. Your child's weekly reading log sheet will be sent home every Monday and needs to be returned to school each Friday.

### Specials Schedule

Monday: Art

Tuesday: Media

Wednesday: Music

Thursday: Gym

Friday: Spanish



If you have any questions or concerns, please e-mail or call! Communication is important!