

Team 2 February Newsletter

It is hard to believe that we are past the half way point of second grade, and we are starting second semester already! Time sure does fly! Now, at the beginning of this new semester, is a great time to look at report card grades and set some new goals for the remainder of the year. Since students are getting closer to being third graders, further emphasizing the importance of turning in reading logs, as well as homework is very important. In second grade, reading logs are used as an incentive to earn free time every other Friday. However, in third grade, the reading logs are required. So please encourage your student to read at home and fill out their reading logs, as well as remember to turn them in.

As we begin second semester we recently completed our third reading theme “Neighborhoods and Communities”. In this theme students read four different stories and learned about communities and cultures throughout the United States. Take some extra time and ask your student what their favorite story was. In the last weeks of January and the beginning of February we will begin our next theme of “Amazing Animals”. Third quarter is a very exciting time of year in second grade since we are beginning to teach cursive handwriting. Encourage your child to show you the letters that they have learned so far!

In our integrated studies classrooms, students have just completed reading through the 10 Golden Sower nominees. Second graders then had the chance to share their opinions and vote for their favorite story. Now, we will begin our nutrition unit. This is a very fun and exciting unit! For three Fridays second graders will have tasting trays. On each tray, your child will be able to sample a fruit and a vegetable. The tasting trays are a fun way to get students to try foods that they normally wouldn't eat! This might be a fun activity to continue doing at home to get the whole family to try out new foods!

For the last month in our math classes we have been working hard on two digit addition and subtraction. Please have your child continue to practice basic addition and subtraction facts at home whenever possible. This is extremely helpful when working on the more complex problems! In the next chapter, we will begin looking at money and reading time on analog clocks. This is a challenging unit for second graders! Having students begin identifying and counting coins at home will be a great help when we begin that unit.

As we continue through this very cold time of year, colds and runny noses are very frequent! Second grade teachers are in desperate need of tissues! Any donations would be greatly appreciated. We continue to be thankful for your continued support of your student at home! Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns!

Thanks,
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