

Second Grade Fox Tales



November / December 2009

Language Arts

In November, we will have our first brown bag book report to practice speaking orally in front of the class. Please watch for this information to sent out later in the month. We also will be utilizing outside resources in our study of different Native American legends. In December, we will be studying different holiday literature throughout the world in order to better understand various countries and their traditions.

We continue working in guided reading groups in order to improve our reading strategies. Participation and cooperation in small groups is very important.

We have been practicing writing letters and using descriptive words and details to make our writing more interesting. We also focus on writing complete sentences with the correct punctuation and capitals. These conventions are important to remember in second grade.

Paragraph writing will be introduced and practiced in the upcoming months. The students will then be working on writing a "slice of life" in December.

In spelling, we continue to learn more commonly misspelled words. Remember to practice these words on an ongoing basis to keep them fresh.

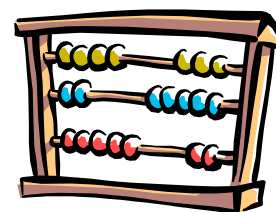
Everyday Math

Practice with addition and subtraction concepts continued in October. We used a variety of strategies to add and subtract the basic facts.

Please continue to practice the basic facts. Use addition and subtraction flash cards to hunt down all the doubles, doubles plus one, related addition and subtraction facts as well as the fact families. Understanding how numbers go together is as important as memorizing the facts. The triangle flash cards included in the home links is a terrific way to study the facts.

As we continue the study of mathematics in November the lesson objectives will be numeration and place value with 2-digit as well as 3-digit numbers. We will then study measurement, time, counting money and making change.

Congratulations to the second grade students counting their way to 1,000 and beyond. Keep up the good work!



Social Studies



In Social Studies, “Our Working World” allowed us take a look at how our communities work and the jobs that are needed to make the community run. We discussed the difference between wants and needs.

“Discovering Our Past” teaches the students that America’s first people were the Native Americans. In addition, America was discovered by explorers who were followed by colonists.



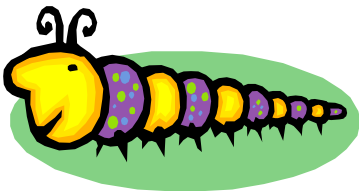
In December, we will study countries around the world to experience their celebrations and customs.

We welcome any parents in to share their customs/traditions! Please contact your child’s teacher if you are interested.

Science

We will begin studying Life Cycles. First, mealworms will be introduced to the classrooms. This is an exciting unit in second grade with daily observations and journaling of the changes the mealworm experiences.

Then, we will be focusing on the life cycles of plants. The children will enjoy planting various types of seeds and will be able to discover how plants grow and change differently.



Tail End Information

- * November 4– Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:30-8:00pm
- * November 4– Market Day Pick-up
- * November 10– No School
- Parent/Teacher Conferences 8am-3pm, 4:30pm-8pm
- * November 11-No School
- Veteran’s Day
- * November 17- PTA Meeting
- * November 25-27 Thanksgiving Break
- * December 1-Nov. Reading Logs Due
- * December 4– Progress Reports Go Home
- * December 10– 2nd Grade Program
- * December 18– PTA Classroom Activity
- * December 21-January 1
- Winter Break
- * January 4-Classes Resume
- December Reading Logs Due

