



# SUPER SECOND GRADE



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## Second Grade Monthly Times

### Classroom Learning...

Happy New Year! We hope you enjoyed a wonderful holiday season in the company of your loved ones. We also hope that this year begins with renewed hope and peace and that it will bring you closer to your friends and family in health and much happiness. We are very excited to see our second graders and hear all about their winter break.

This month in math we will continue applying addition and subtraction strategies with the focus on adding and subtracting two-digit numbers with trading.

Our science unit for this month is *Wondering about Weather*. In this unit students engage in a myriad of hands-on experiments in which they will apply the scientific process along with critical thinking skills to learn basic weather concepts. Through this unit students will investigate weather changes due to daily differences in wind, temperature, and precipitation. They will also learn all about storms, floods and droughts by manipulating the tools used by meteorologists. We recommend you engage your little scientist in conversations regarding the weather as often as possible.

While our super readers continue applying all those reading strategies "good readers" use, this month during Reader's Workshop we will emphasize inferring as a comprehension strategy. Students will pay close attention to the clues left behind by the author to construct meaning from their reading. We encourage you to ask "thick" questions to your little reader to allow him/her to practice inferring skills.

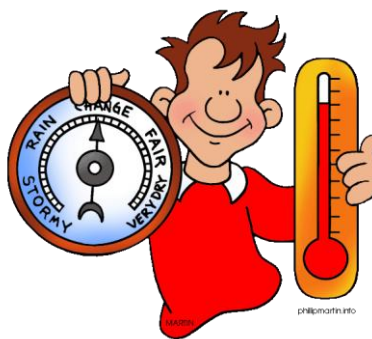
During Writer's Workshop our young authors will continue expanding on their narratives. They will read stories from the point of view of a writer and hopefully notice some of the strategies published writers use to make their writing descriptive.

This month we celebrate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. We will take some time to learn more about Dr. King and the contributions he left behind for us.

### Key Vocabulary

#### Science:

weather	rain gauge	meteorologist
weather vane	temperature	Celsius
Fahrenheit	precipitation	sleet
hail	seasons	thunderstorm
hurricane	tornado	blizzard
flood	drought	



### Upcoming Events

January	16	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January	30	Teacher Workday
January	31	Teacher Workday

Mrs. Almeida, Mrs. Bush, Mrs. DeSatnick, Mrs. Garner, Ms. Luther and Mrs. Purcell