



SUPER SECOND GRADE



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Second Grade Monthly Times

Classroom Learning...

The second quarter has come upon us and our second graders are ready for all it has to offer. We would like to begin by thanking you all for taking the time to hold a conference and discuss your child's progress. It was wonderful to learn more about your child's life outside of the school. We hope you found the information helpful as you continue to support us on the task of educating our super second graders.

This quarter math will begin with addition strategies and you will see your child transition from concrete ways of solving addition problems to much more abstract ways. Students will also work on double digit addition and subtraction with carrying and borrowing.

Our first social studies unit for the quarter is about the First Americans or Native Americans. Our second graders will learn all about the Powhatan, Lakota and Hopi tribes. We will begin with an introduction to the three regions these tribes occupied. Students will learn to differentiate among the Eastern Woodlands, Plains and Southwest regions based on the geography of each. They will also understand that each tribe's difference was due largely to the type of land they lived on since they made their land the basis of their existence. Towards the end of the month we will nicely tie in the Thanksgiving theme to our unit and our second graders will learn all about the meaning and history behind Thanksgiving.

During our reading workshop students will continue making connections and practicing all those decoding strategies "good readers" use. They will also begin to ask questions as a strategy to further comprehend the text. Students will learn about the two kinds of questions: thin and thick. Please make sure to ask your child to share with you the difference between each kind of question.

Our second graders will continue writing personal narratives during our writing workshop as well as create fiction pieces. While some students will concentrate on writing about their heroes, others will further explore author's purpose by writing fables with morals. Be sure to ask your little author how each project is developing!

Key Vocabulary

Social Studies:

fisherman	moccasins	hunt	gather
occupation	canoe	adapt	teepee
longhouse	wigwam	plains	adobe
warrior	nomad	pottery	climate
buffalo	horseman	shelter	
travois	irrigation	bow and arrow	
farmer	terrace	barter	
desert	flatland	trade	
environment	contribution	penmican	
transportation	clay	natural resources	

Upcoming Events

- November 11** Veteran's Day Luncheon
- November 23** Two-hour Early Release
- November 24-25** Thanksgiving Holiday

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