



BACK TO SCHOOL!



Hayfield Elementary
Fairfax County

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Second Grade Monthly Times

Classroom Learning...

It is hard to believe October is already here! Our second graders are doing a wonderful job adjusting to their new environment.

In math students continue working on rounding numbers to the nearest ten and will begin working with fractions. Students will be able to compare fractions and understand that as the denominator increases, the fraction's size decreases.

This week in science we will begin our unit on matter and magnets. Students will learn throughout this unit that everything is made out of matter and that matter comes in three different states: solid, liquid and gas. Students will also understand that most things, living and non-living undergo changes and that those changes can be measured with scientific tools. Students will be able to define weathering and erosion and experiment with magnets.

During our reading workshop students are practicing making connections with the text to enhance their comprehension. They are learning all about the three kinds of connections all "good readers" make while reading: text to self, text to world and text to text. Please ask your child to share some of this knowledge with you.

In writing students have been working on personal narratives. This month, they will continue to write personal narratives and will work on adding details to expand their writing and thus create a longer and much more visual piece. Students will also write their own non-fiction book in which they will teach readers about a topic they are specialists in and passionate about.



Key Vocabulary



Science:

change	constant	attribute	
matter	investigate	observation	accuracy
solid	liquid	heat energy	gas
volume	melt	freeze	mass
evaporation	condensation	magnetic	natural
artificial	lodestone	magnetite	attract
repel	north pole	south pole	

Upcoming Events

October 10	Columbus Day (No School)
October 12	Picture Day
Tuesday, Oct. 18	Cog At -Verbal battery
Wednesday, Oct. 19	Cog At - Quantitative
Thursday, Oct. 20	Cog At - Nonverbal
October 28	Hayfield Happening

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