



MARCH

SECOND GRADE SCOOP

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Reading:

During the month of March the children will celebrate their love for reading with the March is reading month activities. Make sure you check out our pod that is decorated with all the wonderful book reports the children completed. We continue to implement a reading workshop to help develop stronger readers. We are currently focusing on building good comprehension skills. We are doing this through mini lessons and the use of our comprehension characters the children have learned about.

Writing:

Most classes have finished the review unit. Our next writing unit is Realistic Fiction. A realistic fiction story is a story that has characters and events in it that could possibly happen even if it is made up. We find this to be one of the students' favorite writing units. They spend time developing a character and a realistic main idea including a problem and a solution. Many times we use small moment narratives to begin writing a realistic fiction story and then throughout the development of the story, fictional parts will be added to create the fictional aspect of the story.

Science

This month we continue our unit on Matter. Students will focus on the 3 basic types of matter; solids, liquids, and gasses. We will learn characteristics of each type of matter along with how matter can change. Example: Solids can turn to liquids when it is heated. This unit is a fun unit for the students as it allows for many hands on experiment opportunities.



Math

In March, students will finish subtraction with regrouping. If you find your child is struggling in subtraction with regrouping, we suggest you use tangible objects to help visualize the problem while practicing. In the classroom we use our base ten blocks. Here is an example of using the base ten blocks to visualize the subtraction problem.

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The next two units we will be introducing are Time and Money. At the end of the money unit they will be expected to count a specific amount of money and write the amount down correctly. They will also need to be able to make change. Two ways that we will learn to make change are 1) Count from the smaller amount up to the larger amount. 2) Subtract the smaller amount from the larger amount. In the telling time unit students in second grade must identify time to the nearest five minutes, know and use key vocabulary like, "o'clock, quarter past, half past, quarter to" and solve elapsed time problems like, "How many minutes until..." The elapsed time concept can be a tricky concept so any work that you can do with your child at home will be beneficial to the mastery of this concept.

CES Character Development Word of the Month:

Cooperation

In March our character development word of the month is Cooperation. We will learn about working together and teamwork. Try to focus on using the word cooperation at home when your family works together for something.

Peter Pan Field Trip!

On March 18th the second graders will be heading to see the Encore Children's Theatre production of Peter Pan Jr. Permission slips were sent home at the beginning of the week through email from Miss Holly. Please make sure these are sent back to school with your child by Friday, March 14th.

CES Reading Comprehension

Bulletin Board: THELMA THEME

In March we will focus on Thelma Theme. We will learn that books have lessons or messages that the author wants us to understand after reading the story. As you read with your child at home, challenge them to tell you the theme of the story. A great way to practice this is through reading fables.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL, BOOK FAIR, and SCIENCE FAIR

On March 4th, CES will hold its annual Ice Cream Social from 4:30-6:30. Enjoy some ice cream scooped by the staff and browse through the science fair projects. Also, celebrate March is Reading Month by purchasing a new book from the book fair.

Family Fun Night

Family Fun night is April 4th. As a 2nd grade we will be putting together a cooking theme gift basket for the family fun night auction. We are asking for any donations with a connection to cooking. Some ideas for the basket include: cook books, cooking utensils, prepackaged cooking mixes (brownies/cookies), measuring cups, pasta, pasta sauce, hot pads, etc. If you are able to donate an item, please send it in with your child by Friday, March 21st.



Important dates

3/3-3/7 Book Fair

3/4 Ice Cream Social/
Science Fair

3/6 PTO Meeting @
4:00pm

3/7 Popcorn Day

3/14 InView Testing

3/18 Peter Pan Jr.

3/19 Reading
Exchange with
Ore Creek

3/21 No School

InView Testing

On Friday, March 14th, all 2nd grade students will take the InView test.

A letter regarding this test has been sent home giving information about it. Please make sure to read the letter. It will be very important that your child be to school on time to eliminate any makeup scheduling.

Thank you!

Technology At Home

Don't forget, every student has access to Scootpad.com at home. Online stories and activities can become a fun way to practice the skills that we have learned at school.

Also, all students have the ability to use Brainpop Jr. at home. By visiting www.brainpopjr.com and entering the username and password below, they have a variety of topics and activities to view.

Username: creeksidelab

Password: brainpop

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The MORE that you LEARN,
The more PLACES you'll GO.
-Dr. Seuss*