
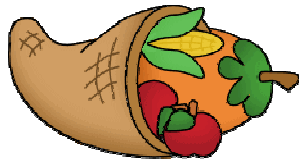


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Second Grade Scoop

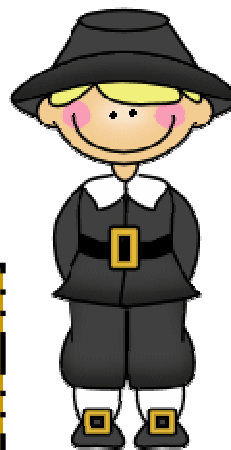


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Reading: Second graders continue to increase their stamina as readers! Our students are building their knowledge of different strategies to help them decode unknown words through power block groups to help increase their fluency. Through our Reader's Workshop students continue to become skilled in reading with expression and fluency. In addition, they are growing as readers by reacting and talking back to the text when they make personal connections to events that occur in the story, which provoke a memory from their life experiences they can relate to. All of these elements of Reader's Workshop continue to foster growing readers.

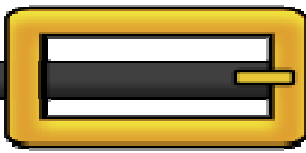
Writing: We have been working hard on adding elements of good writing to our small moment reflections. These include, but are not limited to: strong leads, effective dialogue, character action and description, internal thinking, a heart of the message, organization, and conventions. This month we will be using authors as mentors to help craft our writing. Published authors have claimed over and over that their number one teachers are books. Likewise, the best teachers for our students are books; and learning how to use them to study writing.



Math: We finished our units on 2D/ 3D shapes and number lines. Our measurement unit will begin or continue as we begin this month. In this unit students will have the chance to learn how to use a ruler and measure objects in units of: cm, in, ft, and yds. The next unit we will be focusing on is place value. Students will learn the difference between the ones, tens, and hundreds places, as well as, the meaning of each digit in a number. In connection with our place value unit, we learn about greater than and less than, and ordering numbers from least to greatest and likewise. Everyday students are working on mastering their math facts in addition through our Mathletes program. Please continue to practice these facts and strategies at home with your child.

Science: In this month we will learn about Landforms. We will be learning all about the different types of landforms—rivers, lakes, oceans, islands, mountains, plateaus, valleys, hills, and plains. We will be creating a detailed book and also building landforms in our In Class Field Trip. See below for more information. It will be very informational and fun! Learning about the water cycle also will be our focus. The children will learn songs to go along with their learning. It will be a very exciting month.





C&S Reading Comprehension
Bulletin Board:
Patty the Picture



Patty the Picture encourages readers to envision the story in their minds as they are reading. In addition, she teaches readers to use the picture clues to help decode unknown words.

C&S Character Development Word of the Month: REASON

Reason is the word of the month. Each class will be working on reinforcing the importance of using REASON when making choices, by taking time to think about our actions or words before we impulsively respond to a situation. We will devote time to thinking before acting, and modeling to students that when we do this we are using the word of the month, "REASON".

C&S Writing Bulletin Board:

Creekside's Writing board is featuring new writing. This month we used our small moment stories as our focus. Please be sure to stop by the compass and check out our AWESOME 2nd grade writers.



As the seasons start to change, the temperatures are dropping. Please dress your child in weather appropriate clothing.



Thank you so much to all of our parents who have given of their time to help in various ways to make Creekside Elementary an incredible learning environment for all children. Whether you volunteer to test our readers on their personal spelling words, provide donations for our holiday celebrations, are a Mystery Reader, a copy mom, PTO volunteer or participant, your presence and support make a tremendous impact on our students and school. We couldn't do it without you. Thank you so much!



Important Dates

Nov. 6th Parent teacher conferences
5:00-8:00pm

Nov. 6-15th Book Fair
Students will not be checking out books during this time.

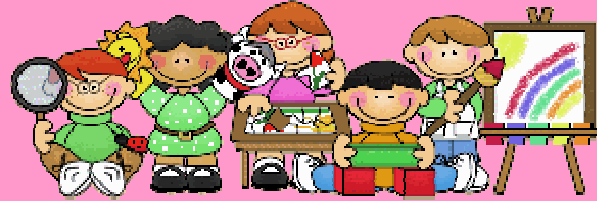
Nov. 12th Parent teacher conferences
5:00-8:00pm

Nov. 15th No School-for Students
Parent teacher conferences

Nov. 26th In Class Field Trip from Sloan Museum in Flint

Nov. 27-28th No School
Thanksgiving Break

Conferences



Parent Teacher Conferences will be held this month. We will have conferences on Wednesday, November 6th from 5:00-8:00pm, Tuesday, November 12th from 5:00-8:00pm, and Friday, November 15th during the day. The conference with your child's teacher will last approximately 15 minutes. Please try to be on time, so that you have ample time to discuss any questions or concerns with your child's teacher, and you don't cut into the next families conference time. If you are unable to keep your original time, please contact your child's teacher. Conferences are an important time to meet with the teacher to learn how your child is doing in school.

Math Websites for home practice

www.scoopad.com

http://www.harcourtschool.com/activityadding_bricks_k
http://www.missmaggie.org/scholastic/roundtheworld_eng_launcher.swf



Quotes to live by...

"Each day of our lives we make deposits in the memory banks of our children."

-Charles R. Swindoll

"It's okay to make mistakes. Mistakes are our teachers- they help us to learn."

-John Bradshaw

In School Field Trip

On Tuesday, November 26th we will have the privilege of having the staff from the Sloan Museum in Flint, come to Creekside for an in class field trip.

We will participate in 2 sessions: One -that will focus on a Social Studies unit about Natural, Capital, and Human Resources, Supply and Demand, and some hard lessons about Opportunity Cost through a reader's theatre presentation of The Little Red Hen.

Two- a Science unit that will focus on Landforms, which students will use clay to sculpt mountains, valleys, plains, plateaus and other major landforms as they investigate where on earth these landforms can be found, and which forces help shape our world.

Each child will get to bring home wheat seeds that they can plant as a souvenir from the social studies session, and their clay model from their landform session.



Mathletes Level 1 Assessment
November 8th!!!!

Mathletes Level 2 Assessment
November 26th!!!!

Mathletes Level 3 Assessment
December 18th!!!!

Please practice these facts nightly with your child to increase their fluency with their facts.

Gleaners Charity Food Drive

Gleaners is excited that this year we are going to run a school-wide program to help support our local families in need! Our goal is to far exceed 632 pounds!

Our food drive will be from
Nov. 1. – Nov. 18th

Second Grade will be collecting Cereal Boxes as our Grade level contribution to Gleaners Food Drive.

If you would like to participate, please send in cereal boxes with your child to place in the bins outside his or her classroom.

Thanksgiving Feast Finger Foods

On Tuesday, November 26th, we will be having a "finger-food feast" in our classroom to show how thankful we are for each other. Our little feast will take place in the afternoon. I am asking each student to bring 26 finger-foods to share with the class. And by finger-foods, I mean something very simple! Some ideas: 26 pretzels (actual pretzels, not pretzel bags), 26 cheese cubes, 26 apple slices, 26 crackers...26 anything! Each student will be able to pass out their finger-food to the class, resulting in a plate filled with 26 tasty little treats for each student!



October Photo Opts.



Fun Run Fun!!

Mrs. Carpenter's Class



Mrs. Komaromi's
& Ms. Hager's
Class



Mrs. Reck's Class



Mrs. Luck's Class

