

SECOND GRADE NEWS

JUNE, 2018

What are we learning this month?

ELA:

- **Skills:** In Unit 6, our essential question will be “How does curiosity lead people to learn more about different things?” Students have been writing down their “wonderments” this entire unit and will now choose their topic for their research report. We will be using online resources from Pebble Go and Kiddle to find more information about our topic.
- **Writing:** We will research a topic that makes us curious and create a presentation using that information.
- **Phonics:** We will review all of the syllable types we have learned this year to help us become better readers. The syllables we are reviewing are open, closed, vowel consonant e, r-controlled, double vowel team, and consonant le.

MATH: Unit 9 → Measurement

We will investigate linear measurement as it applies to length and distance. They work with a variety of linear units, including standard units of inches, feet, yards, centimeters, and meters.

SCIENCE: Unit 4 → Bee an Engineer

Mariana has a plant that has stopped producing berries that she like to eat. Students will become agricultural engineers to work with Mariana to solve the problem of why her plant will not produce berries. Students will conduct research to find out how plants make fruit and seeds, how animals and plants work together, and about different pollinators around the world. Students then use what they have learned to design and build a hand pollinator to solve Mariana’s problem.

Mark
Your
Calendar

June 1: CTES Art and Music Show (2nd grade chorus)

June 4: PTA meeting → Board Elections

June 6: Career Day

June 11: Donuts with Dad (before school)

June 12: Awards Celebration @ 9:30

June 14: 3 Hour Early Dismissal for students

June 15: 3 Hour Early Dismissal for Students (Last Day!)

Please don't hesitate to contact us!

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A note from your teachers...

To prepare for 3rd grade, here are some ideas for the summer:

Spend Time with Them. It was a long school year with plenty of homework, after school activities, sick and snow days and other "challenges" for parents as well. The weather is nice and it seems there are so many new demands on our time. Many parents feel they deserve a "summer break" and make the mistake of allowing friends, camps and other programs to fill their child's summer. Third graders need attention and time from their parents. They need to know that they are loved and that they will always be there for them. Praise them generously and always compliment them for their efforts. Use the summer as an opportunity to explore new places, do new things and experience life - together.

Challenge Them Physically. Use the warm weather as an excuse to get physical. Today's children spend more than enough time indoors - watching TV, playing video games, working on the computer. Help them develop a love for the outdoors, for physical activity and for the challenge of competition. Don't start planning their Olympic debut or All Star status just yet, but get them involved in activities that challenge their physical limits. If they can swim, encourage them to join the swim team. If they like to run, encourage them to enter a race. If they play soccer, baseball or other organized sport, encourage them to teach their skills to a younger sibling or neighbor. Help create likes, skills, and habits that will keep them healthy for life.

Read Aloud to Them Daily. Third graders learn about different types of punctuation (commas, question marks, exclamation marks, etc.). It's important for them to learn how to use expression and punctuation to give meaning to the text. One way to do this is to continue to read aloud to them -- remember how nice it was to cuddle up with them for a bed time story? If they'll allow it, do it until they think it's for "little kids". It's also a good way to bond with them. Encourage them to read aloud from familiar books. This will help increase their reading speed, comprehension and confidence. Newspapers and magazines are also good for practicing reading. Reading articles will also help them learn about the world they live in and provide some good topics for family discussions at the dinner table. Help them practice reading just like they would practice a sport or musical instrument.

Found on: <https://hvparent.com/3rd-grade-success>



Second Grade Memories

Thank you so much for all of the wonderful memories this year. You have been a great group of students, and we wish you the best in third grade!

Do you remember that time when we...

- played games in Math Workshop (Collect \$1.00, Plus 9 or 10 Bingo, Sorting Yekti cards, Roll-a-Square, etc.)?
- built brick walls in science and then used a wrecking ball to test them?
- played along with the BSO or pretended to be Egyptians in the Walters Art Museum exhibits?
- read and wrote mysteries, and solved "The Panda Puzzle"?
- learned about people who made a difference, like Rudy Garcia-Tolson, Bessie Coleman, Luis Soriano, and even ourselves!
- saw Mrs. J & Mrs. K dressed as playing cards for the CTES Halloween Parade?
- made pencil holders out of Play-doh to demonstrate the Writing Process?
- learned about the Chinese New Year from Mrs. Orlins' mom, Mrs. Susan?
- shared our ideas & built a classroom community in our Class Meetings?