

SECOND GRADE NEWS

FEBRUARY, 2019

What are we learning this month?

ELA:

- **Skills:** In Unit 4, we will read a variety of informational texts related to the big idea, *Live and Learn*. We will discuss the essential question, "How do the interactions we have with the people, places, and things in our world affect us?"
- **Writing:** We will research a type of dangerous weather and create a news bulletin and infographic.
- **Phonics:** We will decode and blend words using **silent letters** spelled with wr, kn, gn, mb, & sc; words using the **ûr sound** (like in "shirt") spelled with er, ir, ur, & or; words using the **ôr and är sounds** (like in "corn" and "star") spelled with or, ore, oar, & ar.

MATH:

Unit 5 → Patterns, Functions, and Change

The following skills and concepts are the "big ideas" that are developed in this unit:

- Use repeated addition to find the number of objects in an array
- Skip count by 2s, 5s, and 10s
- Use manipulatives, drawings, tools, and notation to show place value understanding

Unit 6 → Addition, Subtraction, and the Number System (Part 3)

The following skills and concepts are the "big ideas" that are developed in this unit:

- Adding & subtracting using numbers up to 1000
- Coin equivalencies & combinations to \$1.00

(This unit builds on the work we did in Units 1 & 3, but we are working with larger numbers.)

SOCIAL STUDIES:

Unit 3 → Africa

- We will be learning about the culture, resources, and economics in four African countries: Egypt, Kenya, Nigeria, and South Africa. We will also discuss the modifications (like the Suez Canal) that humans have made on the Earth in order to make our lives easier.



Feb. 7: Report Cards distributed; 2nd grade MAP Math testing

Feb. 15: 100th day of school (in 2nd grade)—poster coming home soon!

Feb. 18: President's Day → No school

Feb. 19: PTA Crossroads Bistro Fundraiser

Feb. 21: 2nd grade MAP Reading testing

Feb. 25-Mar. 1: Read Across America Week (Spirit Days)

A note from your teachers...



Many students' headphones are no longer working. If you would like to purchase them for your child, he/she can use them in the classroom. Please mark them with your child's name.

Take a look inside our classrooms!

Star Students



Rylan W., Aaron T., & Cameron S. participate frequently in small groups.

D.J. and Gabe K. showed kindness when they let other students join in their recess games.

Mateo M-S., Noah D., Abby P., & Grayson V. were great helpers when their classmates had some troubles with their devices.

Jacob B., Alaina S., Ava W., & Faith M. have been working hard and were very persistent!

WOO HOO!!!

Keep up the great work!



Exploring with magnets



Visiting StarLab



Persevering Students



Earning Kickin' It Belts



We ARE Team BCPS!



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