

# SECOND GRADE NEWS

JANUARY, 2020

What are we learning this month?

## ELA:

- **Skills:** We will finish Unit 3 by completing the Periodic Assessment. Then, 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 **long o** spelled with o, oa, ow, & oe, **long e** spelled with e, ea, ie, y, ey, & e\_e, and **long u** spelled with u, ew, ue, & u\_e.

## MATH:

Shortly after returning from Winter Break, we will start Unit 4: Data Analysis. Students will:

- analyze data as they pose questions and collect & sort information
- work with Venn diagrams, picture graphs, bar graphs, & line plots
- create, read, and interpret a variety of representations of numerical & categorical data
- work on fluency with the +10 addition combinations.

Near the end of the month, we will be moving into 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

## SCIENCE:

Unit 1: (Whack-a-Wall)

- We are working to discover the answer to our essential question: What are the best materials to engineer a strong wall?



Jan. 2: Schools reopen

Jan. 6: PTA meeting at 6:00

Jan. 9: Team BCPS Day → Wear blue

Jan. 20: Martin Luther King Day (Schools Closed)

Jan. 24: End of Quarter 2 (Schools Close 3 hours early)

Feb. 6: Report Cards distributed

# Take a look inside our classrooms!

## A note from your teachers...



We hope that our families had a wonderful holiday break and we are looking forward to a busy month in our classrooms.

We will continue to administer the Kickin' It math facts tests each Wednesday. We have several students that are still in Set A and Set B. We still have some practice resources available, let us know if you need one, or if you need additional copies.

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Dear Mom and Dad,

I have checked my desk and there are a few supplies that need to be replaced. Here is what I need:

- pencils
- erasers
- black dry erase marker
- scissors
- glue stick
- crayons / colored pencils
- \_\_\_\_\_

Love,

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## Star Students



**Savannah W, Sophia W, and C.J. A.** have been cooperative, eager learners in their small group time with Ms. Gilbow.

**Chey H., Marley C., and Reed R.,** consistently use the even & odd math strategies we have been learning in class.

**Toby D., Addison L., and Kennedy W. Sianna J.** were persistent while working on their rainforest comparison brochures.

**Matthew S., Avery E., and Madison M.** do a nice job working with others in the classroom during partner work.

**Camden B., Alayna L., Briella P., Sophia M.** have positive attitudes and are ready to work on any assignment or activity during the day.

WOO HOO!!!

Keep up the great work!

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