

SECOND GRADE NEWS

JUNE, 2019

What are we learning this month?

ELA:

- **Skills:** In Unit 6, our essential question is “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 are researching a topic that makes us curious and will 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, and centimeters.

HEALTH: Unit 3 → Safety and Protection

This unit aims to give students an overview of important safety practices. Some of the topics addressed include fire safety, how to handle emergencies, playground safety, safety near water, and outdoor safety. Knowing how to respond to an injury is useful in caring for oneself and others.



June 3: PTA meeting

June 5: School is IN session all day

June 7: Dining with Dads (7:45 AM)

June 10: Career Day

June 12: MP 4 Awards Celebration @ 8:45 (for Gr.2)

June 13: Full day of School

June 14: Flag Day Ceremony @ 8:45 (Wear red, white, & blue)

June 14: 3 Hour Early Dismissal for students (at 12:10)

June 17: 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:

Have Them Read Independently.

Sign up for the Summer Reading Program at the Public Library. A flyer came home last week. There will be a school-wide grade-level SIGN-UP Challenge. The tear-off needs to be returned by June 14, after you register your child online. Please do it and return the tear-off ASAP.

Our second grade classes WANT TO WIN!!!!

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.

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.

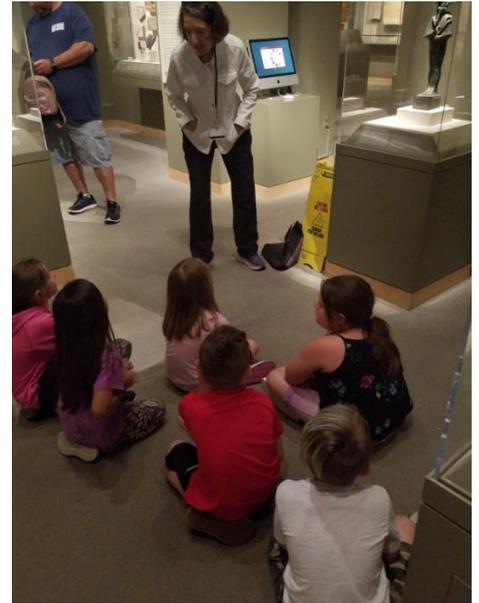
Challenge Them Physically.

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.

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

Field Trip Fun

Here are some photos from our trip to the Walters Art Museum. Students wrote their names using hieroglyphics and toured the Ancient Egypt exhibit with their docent.





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, Roll-a-Square, etc.)?
- built brick walls in science and then used a wrecking ball to test them?
- learned about how to be a better person as we discussed CTES Virtues?
- pretended to be Egyptians in the Walters Art Museum exhibits?
- read and wrote mysteries, and solved "The Panda Puzzle"?
- created a model of Miami Beach and engineered solutions to the erosion problem?
- earned thousands of dojo points over the course of a year?
- learned about people who made a difference, like Rudy Garcia-Tolson, Bessie Coleman, Luis Soriano, and even ourselves!
- saw Mrs. Williams & Mrs. Kagarise dressed as dwarves for the CTES Halloween Parade?
- engineered hand pollinator tools for an ohelo plant model?
- learned about the cultures in 4 African countries?
- became more efficient mathematicians by solving Kickin' It facts?

What other memories do you have?

Dear Parents & Guardians,

It is with great sadness that I need to tell you that I will be leaving CTES at the end of this year. Unfortunately, staffing numbers changed and I will no longer have a position at our school. Luckily, I am moving closer to my daughter's school (and home) up the road to Sussex Elementary. I will go from being a tiger to a duck! 😊 It has been my absolute honor and privilege to serve this community over the last 23 school years. All of the staff is under strict instructions to share your children's successes as they continue through fifth grade!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Kagarise