

SECOND GRADE NEWS

MARCH, 2020

What are we learning this month?

ELA:

- **Skills:** In Unit 4M, we will read and analyze a variety of mysteries related to the essential question, "How does an author build suspense in a mystery novel?" We will explore mystery vocabulary such as mystery, clue, hunch, motive, suspense, solve, guilty, innocent, detective/sleuth, evidence, plan, case, consequence, & suspect.
- **Writing:** We will write an original mystery story.
- **Phonics:** We will decode and blend words using the **ôr and är sounds** (like in "corn" and "star") spelled with or, ore, oar; & ar, the **/îr/sound** spelled with eer, ere, ear; and the **/âr/ sound** spelled with are, air, ear, & ere.

MATH: 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.)

SCIENCE:

Unit 1: (Whack-a-Wall)

- We are finishing the Science unit by designing and constructing sturdy walls using information that we have learned throughout the unit. The last lesson is the demolition testing. Be on the lookout on Class Dojo for some videos!

SOCIAL STUDIES:

Unit 3 → Africa

- We will learn 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.

Mark
your
Calendar

Mar. 2: PTA meeting (6:00 P.M.)

Mar. 2-6: Read across America (flyer was sent home last week)

Mar. 5: Quarter 3 Interim Reports sent home

Mar. 6: CTES PTA bingo

Mar. 11: Picture Day (class photo & individual photos)

Mar. 19: Ident-a-kid IDs

Apr. 3: End of Quarter 3 (schools close 3 hours early)

May 20: MAP ELA

May 28: MAP Math

A note from your teachers...



Many students are still in need of computer headphones. Please talk with your child to see if this pertains to him/her. Be sure to mark them with your child's name.

Students worked hard in ELA during their culminating activity creating a news bulletin and infographic about severe weather.



Take a look inside our classrooms!

Star Students



Mike M., Sophia M., Kaylee B., Ben G., Skylar H., Sianna J., Collin S., Ava L., Avery E., Ella K., Addison L., & Alayna L. have been showing great cooperation, friendship, and kindness.

Kudos to ALL the second grade students, as their behavior and effort were fantastic during both of the Winter MAP tests.



WOO HOO!!!

Keep up the great work!

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