

# Second Grade News

October, 2018

What are we learning this month?

## ELA:

- **Skills:** We will be reading informational text and identifying text features, main topic & key details, and life cycles of animals.
- **Writing:** We will create a life cycle diagram and explain how text features help us understand the story.
- **Phonics:** We will decode and blend words using consonant blends (like gr, sk, pl) and long vowels.

## MATH:

- Unit 2: We will identify the characteristics of various 2-D and 3-D geometric figures. We will sort shapes according to their attributes.
- Unit 3: We will add and subtract numbers from 1-100 in various ways (using number strings)

## SOCIAL STUDIES: (Unit 1: The United States)

- We will identify rules, laws, and democratic ideas.
- We will identify physical and human-made features.
- We will learn about some famous Americans.

Mark  
Your  
Calendar

Oct. 6: PTA Fall Fest

Oct. 8: Columbus Day (schools are OPEN)

Oct. 11: 2<sup>nd</sup> grade MAP Test for Math

Oct. 11: Quarter 1 Interims sent home

Oct. 12: 2<sup>nd</sup> grade MAP Test for ELA

Oct. 19: MSEA Convention—Schools Closed

Oct. 22-26: Bullying Prevention Week

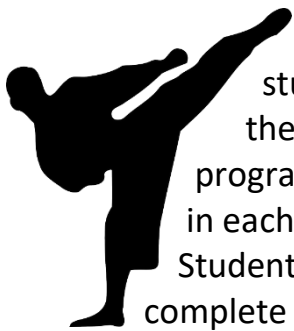
Oct. 31: Halloween Parade

## A note from your teachers...



Thank you to all of our families who donated items for our classroom. Mrs. Kagarise's class is using the small dishracks for housing our devices during the day (Mrs. Williams still needs 1 more and then she will be using them as well.) The students will LOVE the pencils, pencil top erasers, and bookmarks that you sent. You sent us so many different items and we are truly grateful!

If you would like to donate, we are still in need of a few items. Just contact your child's teacher and let us know.



It seems like a few students are confused about the Kickin' It math facts program. Written tests are given in each class on Wednesdays. Students have 1 minute to complete as many problems as they can. If all answers are filled in and correct, then the student moves up to the next letter test. For example, when your child passes Test A, he/she will get a white belt and the next color list will be stapled into the planner. In the following weeks, he/she will have to pass Tests B, C, & D in order to get a yellow belt.

Paper strips were stapled into each child's planner to show which color belt they are working on. This is an oral review of the facts. Students do not need to write anything while they practice. Answers are on the back, for your reference.

Take a look inside our classrooms!

## Star Students



Congratulations to our first white belt mathematicians: Ella N., Lexie T., and Ellie W.

Nate K., Blake P., Jessalyn D., Ava P., Paityn M., Madi D., Andi S., and Faith M. earned a Virtues Award for Responsibility in September.

Andi S., Mateo M., Tony C., Kennedy M., Abby P., Ellie W., Lexie T., & Jessalyn D. have earned the Royal Blue Award for earning 8 or more points every day.

Lundyn B., Natalye B., Max G., and Barrett F. have been participating frequently during class discussions.

Grayson V. and Gabe K. have shown excellent Math thinking in their Math explanations.

WOO HOO!!!

Keep up the great work!

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