

December 2023

2nd Grade Newsletter

As we head into the holiday season, and are well into the 2nd marking period, let's take a look back at everything we learned last month. In ELA, we completed Benchmark Unit 2. So far in reading, we have recounted story events and identified the central message and the main idea of a story. We also discussed the shades of meaning among related adjectives and determined the meaning of words and phrases. In writing, we completed our personal narratives. In math, we compared numbers, found 100, 10, and 1-more/less than given numbers, and have begun adding and subtracting numbers within 100. We completed our Health unit, and have begun our Social Studies Geography unit.

Important December Dates:

12/5 - PTA Meeting

12/13- Walking Wednesday,
8:30-10 am

12/18-12/22- McNair Spirit Week

12/25 - 1/2- WINTER BREAK (No
school for students)

2nd Grade Teachers

Ms. Chalmers

Mrs. Currie

Ms. Kirkland

Mrs. Mitchell

Ms. Tran

Mrs. Tsarev (Reading Initiative)

Mrs. Lowe (Math)

WHAT WILL WE BE LEARNING?



BENCHMARK Reading and writing



We will continue Unit 3, which focuses on the essential question, “How do living things get what they need to survive?”

Towards the end of the month, we will review concepts we have been learning to wrap up Unit 3. Unit 4 will start in January.

Unit 3-Week 2:

Reading: We will work on identifying the main topic of a text, determining the meaning of words and phrases, explaining how images contribute to and clarify a text, comparing and contrasting key points in two texts on the same topic, and using text evidence to draw inferences.

Writing: We will continue writing our informative reports about habitats and how plants and animals survive in them.

Unit 3-Week 3:

Reading: We will work on recounting story events, describing the overall structure of a story, comparing and contrasting key points in two texts on the same topic, and distinguishing shades of meaning among closely related adjectives.

Writing: We will finish writing our informative reports about habitats and plants by revising to improve sentence fluency and checking and correcting capitalization.

Unit 4:

Reading: We will read and compare selections with varying points of view and analyze how point of view affects the reader’s understanding of a story.

Writing: We will go through the prewriting steps in the writing process: brainstorm, evaluate ideas, and plan. In Week 3, students will draft, revise, and edit their opinion text.



WHAT WILL WE BE LEARNING?

EUREKA MATH

We will continue working on Module 4!

Module 4: Addition & Subtraction Within 200 with Word Problems to 100

Unit 4 Math Topics Covered This Month:

D: Strategies for Composing Tens and Hundreds

E: Strategies for Decomposing Tens and Hundreds

F: Student Explanations for Written Methods



SOCIAL STUDIES

In Social Studies, we will continue with our Geography unit. We will explore the following essential questions:

- How do people develop, borrow, and share customs and traditions?
- How is your community shaped by people from different cultures?
- How are places and regions classified?
- Why do people modify and adapt to the environment?
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Our Favorite Holiday Treat! Happy Holidays!

Ms. Chalmers
Shortbread
Cookies



Mrs. Currie
Sugar Cookies



Ms. Kirkland
Peppermint
Bark



Mrs. Mitchell
Peanut Butter
Kiss Cookies



Ms. Tran
Hot Chocolate

