

NEWS FROM SECOND GRADE

Newsletter #3

October 9th, 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome to October! Something tells me this month will fly by! The second graders are learning to follow expectations throughout the school. They are working hard and learning a lot! Read on...



Math

Last week, we reviewed adding and subtracting by lining up numbers in columns. We always start with the ones! The second graders practiced adding and subtracting without regrouping. This week, the second graders were challenged with number patterns! The students did a wonderful job working out a pattern's rule and completing the pattern. On Wednesday we had our first weekly Nonverbal Reasoning Test. Second graders had 12 questions to solve. We will practice this skill every week, and the test will go home in your child's homework folder, so you can see what the tests are like. The second graders enjoyed it and overall did very well. We also got started adding with regrouping. We will continue practicing this skill next week.

Social Studies

We have made many connections between our classroom community and our place in the local community. Second graders created their own classroom constitution this week. We also learned about laws and discussed what effect different laws have on people and the environment.

Spelling

We are spelling words with the *long o* sound with *oa*, *o_e*, and *ow*.

Vocabulary

We read *The Fierce Yellow Pumpkin* by Margaret Wise Brown and learned the words **fierce**, **dreadful**, **hollow**, **zigzag**

Reading and Writing

This week we learned how to retell a story: focus on the main points (meatballs) and skip the noodles (small details). Second graders are doing an amazing job with this! This is also a skill that is easy to practice at home. Simply ask your child to retell a story (or part of a book)

they have read or ask them about our class read aloud: *Chocolate Fever*.

In our writing workshop, second graders have been revising their stories with peers and teachers. They are adding details and making sure their stories make sense for the reader.

Parent Meetings

I look forward to meeting with everyone and setting goals for your second graders for this fall and winter. Please fill out the parent questionnaire before our meeting:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe195zMOVpvW1okQ6ViVDfAZCQOWYKL7vAPNqOS2ozS5lzytg/vi ewform>

If you haven't already, please sign up for your meeting here.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COD48ACAB29A7FEC34-parentteacher5>

In case of rain, we will meet on ZOOM. If that happens and you need to arrange a different time, please notify me as soon as possible.

My personal ZOOM meeting link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4497662474?pwd=gKYeQNCZkaQsXGAUDIDUE6B0sAG4Og>

Coming Up!

Oct. 12-15: Parent-teacher meetings

Oct. 20: School Meeting

Oct. 23: Halloween Party! (wear a costume!)

Oct. 24: Happy Birthday to Sage!

Oct. 26-30: Fall BREAK (no school!)

Have a beautiful and relaxing weekend!

-Ms. Caroline