

PARENT NEWSLETTER

Second Grade

December 2019



Readers Workshop

In this unit, “Becoming Experts, Reading Nonfiction”, second grade students will read a wide range of nonfiction books on different topics. Students will be introduced to word solving and vocabulary building strategies, which will teach them how to solve unknown words and use those words to understand topics they are reading. Students will learn to compare and contrast information inside and across texts. They will ask and answer questions about key details and information in a text. They will understand that questions help them to clarify and extend their ideas. The priority standards that will be addressed during this unit are:

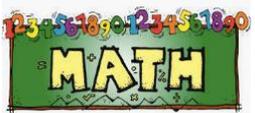
- Ask and answer such questions as *who*, *what*, *where*, *when*, *why*, and *how* to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text.
- Identify the main topic of a multi-paragraph text as well as the focus of specific paragraphs within the text.
- Describe the connection between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text.
- Determine the meaning of words and phrases in a text relevant to a *grade 2 topic or subject area*

Writers Workshop

In this unit

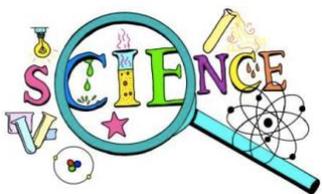
“Information Writing”, second grade students will write informational books about many different topics. Students will learn to write books that introduce a topic, organize information, give facts about a topic, use transition words and have an ending. They will learn to edit their writing by using capital letters and correct punctuation. Students will learn how to use a writing checklist in order to assess their writing. The priority standards that will be addressed during this unit are:

- Write informative/explanatory texts in which they introduce a topic, use facts and definitions to develop points, and provide a concluding statement or section.
- With guidance and support from adults and peers, focus on a topic and strengthen writing as needed by revising and editing.
- Recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question.



In the enVision math program, second grade students will be learning how to subtract within 100 using different strategies. Students will learn strategies such as: break apart numbers, counting back on a number line, and how to subtract using a hundreds chart. The priority standards that will be addressed during this unit are:

- Fluently add and subtract within 100 using strategies based on place value, properties of operations, and/or the relationship between addition and subtraction



Second grade is starting Chapter 2 of Properties of Materials. Students will answer the question: Can heating an ingredient help to make better glue? Students will be observing

a glue ingredient before and after heating and make predictions about what will happen. Students will continue to conduct sticky tests. Students will apply the concept of cause and effect by explaining the effects they are observing.



In this unit titled: “New York City Over Time”, students will evaluate how New York City has changed over time. They will learn about change, by exploring categories such as population, changing communities, homes and buildings, transportation, jobs and industry, technology, and communication throughout the 1600s, 1700s, 1800s, and 1900s.

Important Dates

December 5 th and 6 th – PTA Holiday Store
December 20 th – Student of The Month
December 20 th – Pajama Day
December 23, 2019 - Wed, Jan 01, 2020 - Winter recess - schools closed