

Second Grade News



November

Reading

Our current unit in Reading is called *Becoming Experts*. Students are learning how to read nonfiction texts using both background knowledge and text features to support comprehension and to build knowledge. Students will read across text sets and accumulate new information about their topics. Students will also learn to read and navigate nonfiction texts.

Math

In our current topic, Topic 3, students learned how to use addition strategies to add 2-digit numbers such as the open number line, number grid, break apart strategy and compensation. In our next topic, Topic 4, students will add fluently to 100 using strategies such as place value, partial sums, math models and mental math with compatible numbers. Students will learn how to use the addition algorithms to add both two, three and four 2 digit numbers. Students will apply the strategies they learned in Topic 3 as they use these addition algorithms.

Writing

We are writing nonfiction books about topics we are experts on. In this unit, students will focus on non fiction writing as they build their writing stamina and independence. Students are studying the structures and features of nonfiction texts from mentor authors such as Gail Gibbons. Students are applying that knowledge to their own nonfiction writing. They are writing nonfiction books with tables of contents, bold print, labels, captions and maps or diagrams. Students will also continue to revise and edit their writing for spelling, capitalization, punctuation and added details.



Science

The Grade 2 Our Changing Earth Unit focuses on Earth's landforms and bodies of water and how the Earth changes over time. Students will apply the idea that wind and water can change the shape of the land and compare design solutions to slow or prevent such change. They will use information and models to identify and represent the shapes of land and bodies of water in an area. Students will also identify where water is found on Earth.



Reminders



Thank you to all who have made donations to our classrooms! Your support is greatly appreciated!

*Please charge laptops each night and send to school each day.

*Check Fox folder each night and remove any papers from the "Home" side of the folder.

*Homework-complete daily homework each night Mon-Thurs. (Math and Homework Log for reading.)

*Please send in a peanut free snack every day that does not require a utensil for your student.

Dates to Remember:

Schools Closed: November 3rd (Professional Development—Schools closed for students)

Early Dismissal: November 10th 12:30 PM (Schools and Offices Closing Early)

Learn With Me: November 16th 1:45-2:45 PM (RFE Cafeteria) - all second grade)

Early Dismissal: November 22nd 12:30 PM (Schools and Offices Closing Early)

School Closed: November 23rd-24th (Thanksgiving Break)

RFES Pride: Students have been earning RFES Pride tickets for making good choices. Ask your child to share how they earned their tickets:)

