

Second Grade News

October 2023



Reading

In our first reading unit "Becoming a Big Kid Reader" we have been exploring many reading strategies to support us as readers. We have identified how to select a "just right" book, tackle unknown words, build reading stamina, and read more fluently. Students have shopped (selected books) from our classroom bookstore to use during reading instruction. Ask your child about their "book bag" of books. We have been practicing the Stop & Jot strategy. Students read a few pages of their book and then stop and jot on a post-it note. Students can identify any connections they have with the characters, a funny part of the book, a question they have, a tricky part of the book and a favorite part. Be sure to try this strategy at home.

Math

We have learned many strategies for solving addition and subtraction problems in Topic 1. We are so proud of our second grade mathematicians. In Topic 2(Work with Equal Groups) we will be focusing on determining whether a number is even or odd, and on finding the total number of objects in situations involving equal groups of objects. Throughout this unit students will represent equal groups using drawings, arrays, bar diagrams, expressions, and equations to help them solve both real-world and mathematical problems.

Writing

Second graders have been working hard writing narrative stories. We have been taking our writing piece through the writing process focusing on the introduction (hook sentence), ending (closing sentence), generating ideas, adding details to our writing, and steps to revising and editing our piece of writing.



Social Studies

In Social Studies we will continue our Civics unit. We have learned about equity, equality and fairness. We will continue to learn about our Government and democracy. We will relate that learning to our lives at school and in our communities. More specifically, we are developing rules and routines for our classroom and school.



Reminders



- *Students **need headphones** to keep at school.
 - *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 reading log & self choice board**). Homework is to be turned in on Friday or the last day of the school week.
 - *Students may bring one utensil free snack item each day. No Nuts please!
 - *Wear appropriate clothing/shoes for PE.
 - *Return library books on your scheduled library day.
 - ***Early Dismissal**-October 19th
 - ***School Closed**-October 20th
 - ***Foxy Fun-d Run**-October 11th (Rain date-10/13)
 - ***Fall Celebration**-October 27th (only room parents will attend)
 - ***Field trip** -North Harford High School-Friday, September 29th
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RFES Pride: Students have been earning RFES Pride tickets for making good choices. Ask your child to share how they earned their tickets:)

