

Second Grade News



January 2024

Reading

We will begin our **Tackling longer words and longer books unit**. We will work on the following strategies: Getting ready to read, stop & jot to identify characters and problems in stories, use prior knowledge to understand why things happen, STOP when we don't understand- then re-read to clarify, Retell stories with important parts, & discover lessons that characters can learn in stories. We will extend our word detective skills as we study syllables, digraphs, blends, and word endings.

Math

We will begin topic 6 in Math. We will fluently subtract numbers to 100. We will use place value blocks, hundreds charts, and bar diagrams as we explore various strategies. Students will have the opportunity to practice the standard algorithm, break apart strategy, and pictures to solve subtraction problems.

Writing

We will begin our Opinion writing unit. Students will identify what an opinion is and write a variety of their own. Their opinions will include what their opinion is and convincing arguments/reasons for their stated opinion. We will use words such as "because" & "also" to connect our opinion to our examples. We will also focus on a strong ending that brings the reader back to the author's opinion.



Social Studies

The Grade 2 Physical Science Unit focuses on the properties of matter and how their use is determined by the properties. Students will be challenged to plan and carry out an investigation through hands-on experiences and observation to demonstrate how different materials and their properties are used for different purposes. Students will also examine how objects can be built from smaller parts and how heating and cooling affect whether a change is reversible or irreversible.



Reminders



* Please do not send cough drops to school unless you have signed the form and given it to Ms. Burroughs. Email Ms. Burroughs if you are unsure of what you selected on the beginning of the year forms. If you do send drops in, they are "self carry"- so they must be kept in your child's backpack at all times. Please only send 2 drops each day. Please do not send "life savers" or candy drops.

*Please send in **headphones** for your child 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.

*We will continue to go outside for recess weather permitting ...please dress appropriately.

***Early Dismissal**- January 12th & 26th

***School Closed**- January 1st & 15th

RFES Pride: We are so proud of our RFE foxes who have been earning Fox Pride tickets for demonstrating good choices.

