

Second Grade Newsletter

Friday, October 11, 2019

Dear Families,

We have enjoyed our first week back in second grade. We have been working hard. In Science Discovery we have learned about mountains and how they change. We have taken several virtual field trips on our ipads to explore various mountains. Next week we will explore earthquakes and volcanoes. We will also be analyzing our soil samples as we learn more about the Earth's crust. In Social Studies Discovery we are continuing to review map skills. If you have any maps from recent travels or from around this area please send them in for us to explore.

In Math we have been reviewing two digit addition with regrouping. We have also worked on adding 3 and 4 two digit numbers. Next week we plan to wrap this up and move into subtraction with regrouping. We also have been learning to code our dash robots and will incorporate those into all sorts of areas of our curriculum in the future.

In Language Arts we finished up the book Gooney Bird Greene by Lois Lowery. We are using this book to help inspire ideas for "absolutely true" writing ideas for the personal narratives we are beginning to write. We have been practicing writing informational paragraphs this week. We have also begun spelling work. So far our spelling has all happened in class. We have begun with very simple word lists as we get used to taking our "show you knows" on our ipads. We will be moving into differentiated lists in the coming weeks. We have also started back into our reading stations that now include independent reading, reading books on the ipads, spelling on the ipads, handwriting, poetry, writing in response to our reading, journal writing, word games, individual reading with teachers, and small group literature circles with teachers.

☺ Dr. Kelli

Questions to Ask Your Child:

- Tell me about your virtual field trips
- What have you learned about mountains and how they change?
- What is a dash robot?
- How did Gooney Bird Greene end?
- What are your "absolutely true" writing ideas?

Announcements:

- We would love to have your box tops to earn money to purchase things for our classroom. Please send them in if you have them!
- The fall festival is next Friday. Please see the enclosed information! We hope to see you there!
- No school October 31st & November 2nd for Faculty Professional Development.
- No school on Monday, November 11th to honor Veteran's Day.
- No school on November 27th, 28th, 29th for Thanksgiving.
- Friday, December 13th will be a half day as well as the last day of the quarter.