

Second Grade Newsletter

Friday, October 18, 2019

Dear Families,

In Discovery this week we have been learning about quick changes that can happen to the Earth including earthquakes and volcanoes. We also worked on a building bridges stem project with Ms. Kayla this week. Next week we will focus on slow changes to the Earth's surface. We will look carefully at erosion, soil, rocks, and others components of the Earth's crust. If your child has not yet sent in a soil sample from your home we will need those for Monday's Discovery.

In Math we have finished up two-digit addition with regrouping and we have shifted our focus onto subtraction strategies as we prepare for subtraction with regrouping. We will be working hard on subtraction next week. You can expect a little frustration as we learn this new, big skill. This is normal and the productive struggle of it will help us grow as mathematicians.

In Language Arts we have begun the planning and drafting phases of the writing process to begin to write personal narratives. We have continued our Language Arts rotations. We also have been trying out our new spelling app this week. I am doing spelling a little differently this year so we've been working out some of the kinks to get it going. Today the first spelling lists and choice boards for home practice will come home. The lists will start simple and build in difficulty as students move through them. Students will be allowed to move at a pace that is right for them. Please see the spelling info sheet for more information as we get this started. As always let me know if you have any questions or concerns!

☺ Dr. Kelli

Questions to Ask Your Child:

- Tell me about what you have learned about how the earth changes.
- Tell me about your personal narrative.
- Tell me about your spelling app.

Announcements:

- The fall festival is tonight! We hope to see you there! Look for more information on Bloomz or our school webpage.
- 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.