

Ms. Toneri & Friends

November-2019

Monthly 2nd Grade Newsletter

This Month in 2nd grade:

Literacy: This month, students will be working to strengthen their reading fluency, *Fluen*cy is defined as the ability to read with speed, accuracy, and proper expression. In order to understand what students read, they must be able to read *fluently* whether they are reading aloud or silently. When reading aloud, *flu*ent readers, read in phrases and add intonation appropriately. In addition to improving fluency, our reading and writing focus will also focus on determining the main idea in a text or story, and writing details (features) from a selection that describe an animal. We are enjoying our unit, "What Does it Take to Survive?" in our reading series, "Reach for Reading". This unit lends itself nicely to informational writing.

Math: Students will be introduced to the concept of repeated addition. Working with equal groups of objects (arrays) builds the foundation for multiplication. Students will learn that multiplication can be seen as repeated addition, with rows and columns of objects written in array format. We also continue working to draw pictures to help us solve mathematical problems, especially multiple step problems. Time at home spent memorizing addition and subtraction facts through 20 will significantly impact students' progress posi-

tively with other math topics throughout the year. There are links on our classroom website where students can make flash cards or they can be purchased.



<u>Parent Conferences</u>

Thank you to all of you for attending your child's conference! It was fun to learn more about your child and his/her family. Working in partnership with you to support your child is my goal. Please note that anytime you have questions and/or concerns or can support you in any way, it is my hope you will reach out. There are many resources for families as well as for students.



LIF Days November 15rth & 22nd Dismissal at 1:35

Important Dates:

No School in Honor of Veterans Monday, Nov. 11th

Culture Night 11/14 @ 6:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving Break Early dismissal at 12:20—Nov. 27th

No school Nov. 28th and 29h

<u>First Fieldtrip</u>

Mark your calendars, Monday, 11/25, we are walking to Safeway to purchase vegetables to make Stone Soup. Please look for permission slips and more information soon about this experience.

Contact Info

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email.

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