



Sensational Second Grade

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MONTH & YEAR

PS 221Q

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MATH

Unit: MATH Two-Digit Subtraction

- Break apart numbers to subtract
- Regrouping
- Model and record two digit subtraction

Help your child: Practice subtraction facts, using flash cards or games on the P.S. 221 website.

READING

Unit: Folktale/ Traditional Tale

- Students will analyze character traits
- Students will summarize events of a story
- Students will identify main idea and details

Help your child to identify the character and their behaviors. Help notice and discuss main idea of the story and provide details.

WRITING

Unit: Opinion

- Students will explore the world of opinion writing
- Students will experiment with providing their opinion on various topics and provide reasons to support their opinion

Help your child: Ask your child what their opinion is on comparing restaurants, movies, toys etc. and have them provide reasons.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Our Community's Geography

How do people adapt and change the environment in their community?

- Students will compare images of different communities and discuss why they have changed over time
- The positive and negative effects of changed communities and environments
- Students will learn the three different communities, rural, urban, and suburban.

Help your child: Share any relevant photos of communities. Drive in different neighborhoods and discuss what you observe.

PHONICS

- Students will learn base words and endings -ing -ed.
- Students will learn contractions

Help your child:

Practice contractions and add appropriate endings.

Sanford Harmony

Unit 2- Having Empathy for Others

Children will:

- Children will promote understanding of others' perspectives and feelings.
- Children will promote empathy towards others' emotions.

MUSIC – MRS. GLEMBOSKI

In 2nd Grade Music, students will continue studying choral music. Each song will encourage Earth-friendly themes such as: recycling, “going green,” and more! Students will learn about singing techniques, expression, enunciation and how to follow a conductor. Please visit our music website at: <http://mrsglemboskismusicroom.weebly.com/>



Computers-Mr. Caniano

Our second graders will be using February to further their progress in *Microsoft Word*. This month, we will write about various topics and along the way we will learn about several tools in *Microsoft Word*. The children will be learning to use Word Art, Clip Art, bullet lists, and numbered lists. Please encourage your child to use *Microsoft Word* at home for added practice.

Science – Mrs. Rothenberg

Unit Question - How can we design a glue mixture that is better than what the school uses now?

Our second graders will continue their work as glue engineers to further their understanding of the properties of materials. So far they have learned:

- Properties include how materials smell, look, taste, feel, and sound.
- Different materials have different properties.
- You can tell if materials or substances are different by observing their properties
- You can tell if materials and substances are different by observing their properties or by testing them.
- Properties of mixtures can change when other ingredients are added.

This month we will investigate the following question:

What can happen after a substance has been heated or cooled and returns to its original temperature?



ART-Ms. Pecoraro

Students will be creating a special artwork in honor of Valentine's Day.

Thank you to all of the teachers, staff, parents, volunteers and participants for another wonderful and enjoyable Family Art Night! ☺

Supporting the Arts at Home:

Take time to look at artwork with your child in a book, online, or in a museum/gallery. Have a discussion about what you see and how the artwork makes them feel. If you find an artwork that inspires you, create a drawing or similar artwork of your own!



Physical Education – Mr. Stewart

Our 2nd grade students will continue to work on their movement skills, body control, spatial awareness, and object manipulation. Students were assessed on their throwing cues and full court speed. We will continue focusing on striking with short handled and long handled implements (i.e. tennis racket vs. baseball bat). We will introduce a curriculum that will focus on ways to stay healthy and prevent the spread of sickness.

Looking Ahead:

February 5th-Lunar New Year- No School

February 7th – Hurricanes Home Game

February 8th- Family Fun Night

February 11-15 – Respect for All Week

February 12th- PTA meeting

February 18th-22nd- Presidents Week- no school