



Sensational Second

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MATH

Unit: Three-Digit Addition and Subtraction

- Break apart three digit addends.
- Regroup ones, tens and hundreds for addition and subtraction.
- Regrouping with zeroes.

Help your child:

- Continue practicing addition and subtraction facts. Practice making a ten. Create math word problems

READING

Unit: Informational Text/Song

Essential Question:

What are different ways to enjoy music?

Readers will identify and explain text and graphic features to locate facts and information.

- Readers will identify given statements as fact, or opinion.
- Readers will read for fluency and purpose.
- Readers will ask and answer questions about what you read.
- Readers will use evidence from the text to answer questions and support opinions.

Help your child:

- Visit the library and read informational books with your child.
- Discuss and share your opinions and facts about what you read.

WRITING

Unit: Poetry:

Students will:

- Listen to and read many types of poetry. We will begin to write our own poems.
- See with a "Poets' Eyes"
- Recognize line breaks.
- Put powerful thoughts into tiny packages, or say a lot using limited words and lines.
- Learn to use precise words.

Help your child:

- Read many poems with your child.
- Pick a favorite poem/poet.
- Write a poem together.

SOCIAL STUDIES

New York City Over Time

- How has NYC changed over time?
- What can we learn from a timeline?
- Who lived in NYC during the 1600's before the Dutch and English arrived?

Help Your Child:

- Discuss how your life has changed from childhood to adulthood. Ex, games, inventions, technology

PHONICS

Unit: ai, ay vowel teams/Compound Sentences

- Students will, build, blend and decode regularly spelled and two-syllable words with vowel teams ai and ay.
- Students will produce, expand and rearrange compound sentences.
- Students will use pronouns in place of nouns in their compound sentences.

Help your child:

- Look for vowel teams ai, ay when reading your books.
- Use idioms at home.

SANFORD HARMONY

Communication

Students will:

- Develop skills for thoughtful and careful listening.
- Develop respectful communication
- Learn conversational skills.

Help your child:

- Brainstorm with your child to create a special signal to remind them to practice good listening skills.
- Encourage your child to use kind words at home.

Science – Mrs. Rothenberg

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

Our second graders scientists have transformed into glue engineers. As we work to design the perfect glue for the school, students will develop an understanding of the properties of materials. Our question for this month will be:

What ingredients can we use to make a glue that is sticky and strong?

- Mixtures may have a combination of the properties of their ingredients.
- Mixtures may have some of the properties of their ingredients.
- Mixtures can be designed for certain purposes by using ingredients with certain properties.

Supporting Science at Home:

Our second grade glue engineers would benefit from helping in the kitchen at home. Talk to your child about the changes that occur when mixing or heating certain substances.

Visit Mrs. Rothenberg's Website at :

www.mrsrothenbergsscience.weebly.com for more information.



ART - Mrs. Matsias

Students will work on dynamic drawings in the art room for a school wide fund raiser that will take place later this year...Square 1 Art is back! ☺

Supporting the Arts at Home:

Set aside a little time and make a craft project with your child! Here is a link with some great ideas: <http://www.parents.com/fun/arts-crafts/>
Have FUN!

Music – Ms. Ditmars

In March, the students will be learning to sing multicultural songs that were either composed or performed by famous female musicians in order to celebrate Women's History Month. Also, the students will continue to develop their musical vocabulary during discussions and other activities. Additionally, the students will begin to sing and play in two parts. At home, ask your student who their favorite female musician is and why.



Computer Science – Mr. Caniano

Our second graders will be continuing their unit on *Microsoft Word* this month. We will be learning how to add borders to our work, copy and paste, and spell check. We will also review Clip Art. Please encourage your child to use *Word* at home for added practice. They can also reinforce their typing skills by visiting ps221q.org and completing a typing activity each day.



Physical Education – Mr. Stewart

Our 2nd grade students will continue to work on their body control, spatial awareness, and object manipulation. For body control students will continue working tumbling. We will practice the forward roll, and bridge. For object manipulation we will focus on striking with short handled and long handled implements. Base running during kickball and baseball will be our sport focus. We will gradually introduce the 6 skill related components of fitness. Please review speed, balance, power, agility, coordination, and reaction time with your student.

Looking Ahead:

March 5- Parent Teacher Conferences and half day dismissal, 11:30 A.M.