

2nd Grade Newsletter

March 2017

Second grade students are continuing to strive to achieve their goals and prepare for the future.

In reading, the students are reading *Theodore Roosevelt: The Adventurous President* and *Marching with Aunt Susan*. Many of our discussions have been about how readers use illustrations and text features to better understand what they read. We have also focused on how readers ask and answer questions to identify key details in texts. The emphasis for our next unit will be on explaining how text illustrations and other text features help students make better sense of what they read.

In writing, our students are publishing their narratives about a character who makes a decision about money. Our next writing unit will focus on writing a persuasive piece to try to convince the reader about something they would like.

Our mathematicians are concluding a unit on three-digit addition and subtraction. In this unit, students have built fluency in addition and subtraction, by using regrouping strategies across ones, tens and hundreds. Our next unit will be about money and time. Students will be using the value of coins and bills to find the total value of a set of money. They will also read times shown on analog and digital clocks. Please continue to incorporate math vocabulary into your conversations at home!

In social studies, we are studying the different reasons people have immigrated to New York City, over time. Our next unit will focus on creating a Big Book of New York City, "Then and Now."

In science, the second grade has begun a new unit on forces and motion. Students are learning about different types of energy along with vocabulary to support the unit. Our next unit will focus on plant diversity and students will be conducting lab experiments in groups around this topic.

Ms. Ana, our artist-in-residence, is continuing our mask-making project. So far, the children are making animals out of the cardboard pieces they have collected and brought in from home. After this project, the children will make masks reflective of the cultures that make up New York City.

From all of the 2nd Grade Teachers, we appreciate your continued support and encouragement throughout the year to help your children reach their new goals. Together, we can help the children reach their potential.

Important Dates to Remember

March 6th - Scholastic Book Fair (201) and (204)

March 7th - Scholastic Book Fair (291)

March 8th - Scholastic Book Fair (203)

March 9th - Parent-Teacher Conferences (1-3 pm) and (5-8pm);

Scholastic Book Fair Open

March 10th - Scholastic Book Fair (202)

March 14th - Trip to New York Historical Society (202) and (204)

March 21st - Trip to New York Historical Society (201), (203), (231), and (291)

March 23rd - Culminating Art Exhibit for Mask Making for all 2nd Grade Classes

March 29th - Trip to Sagamore Hill (203)

March 30th - Trip to Sagamore Hill (202), (204)