

2nd Grade Newsletter

October 2017

We have made it through our first few weeks of second grade! Hooray! We are so excited to continue to work with you to help your child strive to reach their very best.

Our readers are in their first unit with a focus on understanding that characters in stories have unique points of view. Using a text titled Trouble at the Sandbox, students have found themselves immersed in discussions about characters' responses to events.

Our authors are busy writing a narrative piece. Students are including temporal words which will signal a short sequence of events with a beginning, middle, and end. To further develop their pieces, students will also add dialogue and describe their characters and settings.

Our mathematicians are concluding a unit on place value and will begin the second unit of the year on using place value to find the values of numbers up to 1,000. Students will make sense of problems and persevere in solving them. They will construct viable arguments to prove their thinking and critique the reasoning of others. Please make an effort to incorporate math vocabulary in your conversations at home!

In social studies, we are learning about our community and how geography influences where people live and why. We are continuing to

learn about map features and are taking a close look at New York City's geography.

In science, the second grade has launched a unit on understanding how different materials affect the makeup of the Earth. Students will begin their first STEM challenge by observing what happens to materials exposed to erosion.

From all of the 2nd Grade Teachers, we thank you for continuing to work with us to help your child reach their goals. Together, we will continue to make this year great!

Important Dates to Remember

October 6th - Our first **Fun Friday** of the 2017-2018 School Year! Come dressed in your pajamas 8:15 - 9:00am and bring your favorite books to read!

October 9th - **School Closed** in observance of Columbus Day

October 24th - Trip to **Green Meadows Farms**