



Grade 2 News



Important Dates

Parent/Teacher Conferences: September 30 & October 8/4:00-7:30pm
Boys Event: October 10: Maize Valley Farms/5:30 – 8:00

Math

Our math program will continue to utilize "Daily Math" papers to introduce, review, and spiral various math concepts. This month, students will examine ordinal numbers and discover different strategies to help them add and subtract. We will discuss counting on, doubles, doubles plus one, counting back, and doubles minus one. Please continue to practice math facts at home each week as well as problem solving activities with your marvelous math mathematicians.

Social Studies

Second grade will start the month of October by finishing our unit discussing how to be a good citizen and the community in which we live. We will understand that communities are a place that people live, work, and play together. After reviewing the material, the students will complete their first test in social studies over Unit One.

Next, the students will start to explore how our economy works. Some topics we will discuss are: factories, farms, markets, trade, and distribution. As the month ends, we will start talking about the differences between a community, state, country and continent. These activities will keep us busy through the month of October!



Science

This month the second graders will continue to monitor the *weather* by recording temperatures, and observing cloud types and precipitation. We are learning about different kinds of precipitation: rain, hail, sleet, and snow. Children have made flipbooks to illustrate various aspects of weather.

We will be visiting and observing the outdoor learning lab and noticing plant life as the seasons change. So much of nature operates in cycles, such as the water cycle and moon cycle. We are experiencing them first hand as we continue to observe and learn.

The weather unit will conclude this month, and we will then embark on a study of *space and our solar system*: planets, stars, meteors, the moon, and more.



Language Arts

The first few weeks in October will be devoted to reviewing skills learned in Unit one. Then we will venture into Unit 2 with Super Solvers. This unit demonstrates there are many ways to solve problems. We will read stories where solutions are solved with clever ideas, using more than one try, and working together. This will lead to great class discussions as we solve every day problems in our classrooms.

Our spelling program is taking off with strong core words, which are carrying over to our writing applications. Please practice words that come home on the "words to learn" sheet at the end of each unit. Read at home each night for 20 minutes and enjoy listening to your wonderful readers!!

Music- Second grade is learning melodic direction on the barred instruments and about the child's singing voices. They will also test their skills on drum-sl.

Art- After exposure to the story *Where the Wild Things Are* second grade students will be creating masks.

Gym- Throughout the month of September second graders worked on manipulative skills using beanbags. Students worked on tossing underhand and catching to self and with a partner. The children also worked on sliding the beanbags at targets. Games, including "Back Away", "Bean Bag Take Away", and "Rescue 9-1-1", incorporated and reinforced these skills. Activities in October will include hopscotch and Chinese jump rope. At the end of the month students will dance The Skeleton Square dance while they learn the names of the major bones in their bodies

