

SECOND GRADE TIMES



February 2018

Dates to remember:

- 2/9- Cultural Arts Assembly
- 2/9- PTA Basket Auction
- 2/12- PTA Meeting
- 2/15- PTA Family Fun Night
- 2/16- Read-a-thon
- 2/16- SEPTA Valentine's Day Dance
- 2/17-2/25- Mid-Winter Recess
- 2/27- SEPTA meeting
- 2/28- PTA Paint Night

We would like to congratulate the Students of the Month:

Roma Nichols, Jonathan Irizarry, Giovanni Meregildo, Isabella Velasquez, Amelia Johnson, Noah Moroney, Hayden Northrop Rodriguez, Camylle Marmol Padilla, Autumn Bailey, and Ahmare Williams

Reading

- Students will practice skills that will enable them to read harder, vocabulary rich books with accuracy, fluency, and meaning
- Using context clues to figure out new words
- Build stamina

Writing

- Begin poetry writing
- Explore how poetry is different from prose
- Learn how poets choose "just the right" words for their poems
- Explore structures of various poem types such as story poems and list poems

Math

- Using place value to add and subtract 2 and 3-digit numbers
- Add and subtract 2 and 3-digit numbers with and without regrouping.

Social Studies

Students will read and explore biographies and nonfiction literature about famous African Americans and U.S. Presidents.

Did you know that people who read are more likely to get ahead when it comes to their careers and life in general?

Please make sure your child read at home every night! And don't forget to log into Clever to access Raz-kids and i-Ready!

Math Tips!

- Practice math facts with flashcards or make them on index cards
- Log on to xtramath.org and sign up to play for free!
- i-Ready isn't just for reading, your child can learn and practice valuable math skills!

Music

In February, second graders will watch an African folk tale called "Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters" to celebrate Black History Month. At the end of the video, students will get to see various African instruments, and will have the opportunity to play some of them in class. We will also read a book called "Stone Soup" and put instruments to the reading of the book.



Art

The second graders will use the skills that were taught in the previous project to create large, bold letters as part of a poster design. The poster is for a Bus Safety Poster Contest. The theme this year is "My School Bus, The Safest Form of Student Transportation!" The students will also draw and color large simple images that go along with the theme and contain at least part of a yellow school bus.



Physical Education

With 2018 in full swing, there seems to be a feeling of love in the air... love for physical activity of course. The month of February is healthy heart month and we will be challenging our superstars to engage in activities both new and familiar. We kick off the month with our volleyball unit as we learn the basics of the sport and bump, set and, spike our way to success. After that, we are going to take care of our mind and body as we transition into our yoga unit. Relaxation, self-control, and balance will all be focused on as we learn how to shut off our minds and let the stress slide away. Our hearts will love us for it.



Library

In February, second grade students will continue STEM based activities by enhancing their coding skills. Last month, students were introduced to Ozobot, a programmable robot, and learned how to make Ozobot move to retell the story "There was a Cold Lady who Swallowed some snow." This month, students will be reading the biography of Abraham Lincoln and coding a timeline of his life using Ozobot.

