

SECOND GRADE TIMES

December 2017

Dates to remember:

December 1: Holidays around the world

December 4-15: Parent-Teacher Conferences

December 5-7: PTA Gift Fair

December 11: PTA Meeting

December 25-January 1: Winter Recess

We would like to congratulate all the Students of the Month for November.

Reading Unit

Continue Getting to Know Characters

- Understanding the lessons the characters learn and connect those lessons to our own lives.

Begin Reading Informational Texts

- Working hard to understand what informational books have to say
- Using text features to analyze new information

Writing Unit

Writing About Reading

- Learning how to recommend a book based on opinion.
- Letter writing about characters
- Continuing to practice the Writing Process Steps:

Pre-Writing, Drafting, Revising, Editing, Publishing

Math

Chapter 3: Basic Facts and Relationships

Building fluency with addition and subtraction

Chapter 4: Two-Digit Addition

*Using place value to add 2-digit Numbers

*Add 2-digit numbers with and Without regrouping

Social Studies

Introduction to rural, urban, and suburban communities

Science

Continuing to experiment with air and weather

Children are expected to read at home every night.

Reading tips!

- * Log onto RAZ-kids and I-Ready for extra practice. Strive for 45 minutes of reading each week on I-Ready.

Children are expected to practice their math facts.

Math tips!

- * Practice math flashcards and log onto xtramath.org daily to practice math facts.
- * Log onto I-Ready for extra math practice. Strive for 45 minutes of math each week on I-Ready.

Music

In music class, all second grade classes will be singing various holidays songs to prepare for our annual Holiday Sing-a-long. In music class, all second grade classes will be singing various holidays songs to prepare for our annual Holiday Sing-a-long.



Art

The second graders will continue to work on their *Winter Landscape Collages* that were begun in November. They have completed the **background** of the **landscape** and will now focus on the **foreground**. Details will be added to the object in the foreground using: buttons, stickers, sequins, construction paper, crayons, etc. Then finally, glitter and glue will be used to add falling snow to this collage. The students will continue to work on their tracing, drawing, cutting, and gluing skills as they complete this winter project.



Physical Education

Before the resolutions are written, gifts exchanged, and fond memories reminisced, we have one final push of excitement for 2017 in the Co-ram gymnasium. It may be too warm for the ice to form, but that is not going to stop us from learning the game of hockey. Students will learn the skills and strategy needed to play the game as well as compete in small-sided games. Just before we head out the doors, we will practice our eye-foot coordination and rhythm as we do a little dancing. The year 2017 will be one for the record books.



Library

In December, second grade students will be finishing their training in earning their library detective licenses. In the month of November, students began their training and learned how to use call numbers to find books. This month, students will be introduced to the OPAC, and learn how to access and use the library cataloging system for independent book search.

