



SECOND GRADE TIMES

October 2017

Welcome to second grade! The start of the school year has been very exciting. We are looking forward to a great year. The following outline details what we will be working on for the month of October.

Dates to remember:

- October 9th No school
Columbus Day
- October 16th PTA meeting
- October 19th Picture day
- October 24th SEPTA meeting
- October 25th Pumpkin Picking
- October 25 Wellness Activity
- October 27th Halloween Happenings

Reading

Unit: Reading Growth Spurt

- Getting ready to tackle harder books
- Reading like a writer and making reading-writing connections
 - Solving tricky words

Writing

Unit: Lessons from the Masters: Improving Narrative Writing

- Studying the masters for inspiration and ideas
 - Noticing Author's Craft
 - Revising with intent

Math

Chapter 2 Numbers to 1,000

- Using place value to model, write, and compare numbers

Chapter 11 Geometry and Fraction Concepts

- Describing and analyzing shapes

Social Studies

& Science

- Experimenting with air and weather
- Studying rules and laws and why they are important

Children must read at home every night. Don't forget about logging into RAZ-kids and I-Ready for extra reading practice

Math tips!

- Practice math facts with flashcards or make them on index cards
- Memorize addition sums to 20.
- Log on to xtramath.org and sign up to play for free!!
- Log onto I-Ready for extra math practice

Music

As part of National Anti-Bullying Awareness Month, second graders will read a story called Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon, which talks about bullying and how to stand up to a bully. The students will learn a song and play instruments as the pages of the story are turned. Additionally, we will also do a lesson on Columbus Day and Halloween, both of those lessons emphasizing rhythm.



Art

The second, third, and fourth grade art students will be working on a series of projects that incorporate the character education themes of: cooperation, respect, acceptance, and diversity as well as Habit 6 = Synergize. They will also learn the term monochromatic while working on their drawing, coloring and creative thinking skills. The book, "The Crayon Box that Talked" by Shane DeRolf will be read and discussed. Then it will be used as a springboard for three drawing and coloring activities. The last of these activities will become a small part of a large bulletin board display.



Physical Education

As the crisp air starts to set in, crunchy leaves fall to the playing field, and the Friday night lights start to shine bright, we are gearing up for an incredible new year in the Coram gymnasium. This month, students will continue with our soccer unit and improve their foot skills. After that, the real sideshow begins as our carnival target unit begins. Students will have the opportunity to step right up to more than fifteen carnival stalls as they test their skills and ability to strike a target by utilizing numerous familiar and new objects. We will close out the month by beginning preparation for the physical fitness test. With all this and more coming, our students will find new ways to be unstoppable.



Library

Welcome back to another great school year! For the month of October, students will begin taking out books using their Coram Elementary Library card. Students will continue to familiarize themselves with the different sections of the library while they practice picking out a "just right" book for them. Students will also be learning about the responsibility of taking care of a library book and practice good book care etiquette. Students will be coming in weekly for library class and book exchange.

