



Second Grade Newsletter November 2025

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M a t h

Mathematicians in 2nd grade will continue to focus fluently adding within 100. Students will continue to use strategies such as partial sums, open number line, break apart, models (bar diagram) and the hundreds chart to solve one and

two-step word problems.

Vocabulary: open number

Please review and practice adding and subtracting one-digit numbers within 20. Students need to build on automaticity with these facts.

L i t e r a c y

Readers in 2nd grade will be reading different genres including realistic fiction, biography, fantasy, and informational texts in order to learn how people can work out disagreements. While reading, students will be determining the central idea/theme, characters point of view, and monitoring and clarifying big ideas.

Texts: Mango, Abuela, and Me by Meg Medina, The Big Red Lollipop by Rukhsana Khan, Working with Others by Robin Nelson, Gingerbread for Liberty! By Mara Rockcliffe, Pepita and the Bully by Ofelia Dumas

Vocabulary: compromise, decision, disagreement, persuade, respectful, argue, practice

**Students should be completing a nightly reading log after reading for 20 minutes at home.

WRITING

Writers in 2nd grade will complete their descriptive essays and begin their persuasive writing by using reasons from research to show that one idea is more legitimate than another. Writers will persuade a reader to adopt a certain point of view or to take a particular action. Writers will identify a topic and provide reasons and examples. They will be completing a draft, revising, editing, and then publishing their final piece. As writers, students will be working on forming complete sentences with proper capitalization and end punctuation marks.

Texts: Mr. Tiger Goes Wild by Peter Brown

Historians in 2nd grade will understand the relationship between the local government and the community. Students will learn who the leaders are in the government and what their roles are. They will understand the importance of rules and laws in our communities.

Vocabulary: Rules, law, consequence, conflicts, symbols, government, election, vote

SCIENCE

Scientists in 2nd grade will investigate and conduct the seed investigations. Students will discover the phenomenon that seeds from three different types of trees in the Bengal Tiger Reserve can reach new places where they can grow. Students will test different shapes of seeds to see if they can travel a specified distance. Students use evidence from their investigations to explain that some trees have seeds that animals do not disperse and travel different ways.

Targeted Vocabulary: disperse, propeller, investigate, exposure, conduct.

R e m i n d e r

Tuesday November 4th, 2025 - Election Day - Schools Closed
Thursday November 6th, 2025 - Full Day of School for all students
Tuesday, November 11th, 2025 - Veteran's Day - Schools Closed
Thursday, November 20th, 2025- SLT & PTA Meetings
Thursday and Friday November 27-28, 2024- Thanksgiving Break - Schools Closed

School Expectations

- Students should come to school daily and prepared with their notebooks, homework, and fully charged tablets with chargers.
- School hours are 8:00 am- 2:20 pm Mondays through Fridays. Dismissal begins at 2:15 pm. Th parents then need to come to the front entrance to sign out their child.
- Please check your child's folder each night for important notices from the school and/or the teacher. Also, any important messages from either the teacher or the school may be sent through Class Dojo or the Google Classroom as in the previous years.