



2M Newsletter

November 7, 2025

Dear 2M families,

In handwriting, students are working hard practicing manuscript writing so that they are prepared to learn cursive writing. Practicing manuscript letters is important for 2nd graders because it strengthens their fine motor skills, improves reading and spelling, and builds memory and focus. Consistent practice helps letters become automatic, allowing students to concentrate on the content of their writing rather than the mechanics of forming each letter. This foundational skill is crucial for overall literacy development and is linked to improved performance in later grades.

The students are so excited for cursive and we will begin very soon. Students will know how to write their first and last name in cursive by the end of 2nd grade.

In math, the students are working hard on learning many different ways to add and subtract with regrouping. Learning to regroup is important for students because it builds a foundational understanding of place value, enables them to solve more complex problems, and develops transferable skills for future math concepts like multiplication and division.

This group of 2nd graders has a lot of perseverance. Practice makes permanent!

In word study, the students put their words in alphabetical order in school and at home. There are five top reasons alphabetical order is an important skill for kids to learn.

1. it improve reading and spelling
2. develops crucial organizational skills for real-life tasks
3. enhances cognitive abilities like memory and pattern recognition
4. provides a foundation for using reference tools like dictionaries
5. supports overall literacy development by reinforcing the alphabetic principle

In science, we embarked on a life science unit about our five senses. We began by sharing what we already knew about these human abilities and brainstormed things that we wondered or questions we had about them. Then, we began watching a series of brainpop videos focused on each individual sense recording facts as we went. Did you know that a person can detect 10,000 different smells? We will continue with this work next week.

In social studies, the students learned about physical and political maps. Physical maps show the natural features of the land, like mountains, rivers, and deserts, while political maps show human-made boundaries, such as country and state lines, and major cities. We also spoke about Global Positioning Systems (GPS) and how they can be a map on a phone or in a car that uses signals from satellites to tell you exactly where you are. There are some future cartographers in second grade.

2nd and 6th Grade Thursday Mass Buddy Lunch





2nd Graders and Ms. Cupp's Kindergarten Reading Buddy
Craft / Book Time



Reminders:

- There is an early dismissal next Wednesday, Nov. 12 due to faculty professional development. Students will be dismissed at 11:30 AM.
- As our weather begins to change, please be sure to send proper outdoor gear for recess and please make sure it is well labelled.

Thank you for all your help and support.

Sincerely,
Ms. McClellan

