



Step Into Second Grade . . . A Closer Look

Dear Families, January 9, 2018
Happy New Year! I hope you all had a special time over the Christmas break. I was able to spend a good amount of time with my grown children. I still love watching them come down to the tree on Christmas morning. And your wonderful children are ready to fly as they start this new semester with lots of learning, growing, and having fun.

Reading: Our whole class has met our Accelerated Reading goals for the first 2 quarters. Let's continue this path of success by meeting our quarter 3 goals. I have attached your child's goals with this newsletter.

Reading Homework: YOUR CHILD IS EXPECTED TO READ 20 – 30 MINUTES EVERY NIGHT. He/she will bring home books to read and mark off his/her reading minutes on the January "BOOK IT!" reading calendar to earn Pizza Hut prizes.

Math: Learning to subtract 2-digit numbers with regrouping has been a big step in learning. We are spending time this week to work in learning-groups to investigate why we need to "borrow" sometimes when we are subtracting. This concept is very important to take our time with. Confidence comes with practice and fun. Be on the lookout for math problems that may come home later in the week.

Writing: Our Opinion/Persuasive Writing unit has started. We are enjoying discussing and writing about many topics ranging from recess to stories to evaluating how other authors persuade their audiences. The big idea is finding **evidence, reasons, and examples** to build a convincing argument or opinion.

Spelling: We are spending this week practicing the most common sight words we use in our writing each day.

Social Studies: We have started our unit on community and the rights and responsibilities we all have as citizens. Knowing more about our local history and current events will help us learn about heroes of the Civil Rights Movement and how we can all make a difference to make the world a better place.

SNACKS: Please send in snacks. It is a new month and with your help we can replenish our supply. Goldfish crackers and fruit chews are always a favorite.

Let's have a great start to 2018!

Thanks for your support and all you do at home,

