



## Step Into Second Grade . . . A Closer Look

Dear Families,

February 27, 2018

Welcome back from break! I hope you all had a fun and relaxing time. We were able to see our children. I loved teaching third grade with our daughter, Casey and we met our son's nursing students who he'll be graduating with this spring.

**Reading:** The focus on comprehension will be on: writing notes to help keep track of our thinking while we read fiction and nonfiction. We will also practice self-monitoring techniques of noticing if we get off track in our reading. We should stop, reread, and answer our own questions.

**Math:** President's Day was a beautiful way to blend learning about our presidents while learning about counting money. We are investigating money by not only learning the amounts on coins and bills but also the presidents, leaders, and symbols that are printed on our currency.

**Writing:** We are enjoying authentic ways to write as we answer our pen pal letters. We will also write thank you notes to the dental team that taught us many important facts about our teeth and how to keep our teeth healthy. We will work on persuasive writing by creating posters about dental health and book reviews.

**Spelling:** This week we will combine our money unit in math with our spelling words. We are spelling words that we will see in our math stories. We will also work with syllables and chunking sounds in words.

**Science:** We are starting our Force and Motion unit! Children love this unit as we explore and experiment with how objects move. We look for forces at work in our lives and on the playground. We create our own ramps, races, and experiments.

Please remember to find loving, enjoyable moments to read together this week! Reading is the most important homework you can do with your children. As always if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Have a great week,

Jodi