

# Second Grade News

What is Second Grade learning this month?

### Reading Workshop:

In reading workshop, we will continue our non-fiction unit of study. Students are using non-fiction text features (table of contents, index, bold words, glossary, captions, etc.) to further develop their comprehension on the topic they are reading.

**Helpful Tips for Parents:** Please continue to support your child at home. We recommend 30 minutes of reading every night. After reading, please ask your child to share facts that they are learning from their books as well as what text features they are using to support their learning.



### Writing Workshop:

In writing workshop, students will continue working on informational writing. Students will use knowledge of topics they are experts on and create chapters in their writing. We will continue to include text features such as diagrams, labels, and captions to add details to our writing.

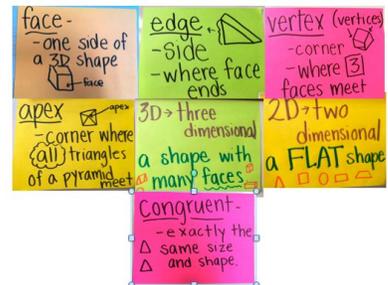
**Helpful Tips for Parents:** Encourage your child to write in twin sentences to help him/her elaborate within the writing piece. Twin sentences are two sentences that build on each other. For example: All dogs wear a leash. A leash is a rope or tie that goes around the dog's neck to keep it close.



### Math Workshop:

In math, we are working on Geometry. Your child is learning about 2D and 3D shapes. They are using vocabulary words such as: angle, face, vertex, edge, and side to help sort different shapes. They should be able to identify and describe different 2D and 3D shapes by the end of this unit. Your child should also be able to draw these shapes by their attributes. At the end of the unit the students will be building rectangles and breaking them down into halves and thirds.

**Helpful Tips for Parents:** Work on identifying household objects that have shapes in them. Try drawing those shapes on paper. Can you draw the 3D version?



**Social Studies:**

This December, second grade will be studying the human, physical, and cultural characteristics of Native American communities in the Eastern Woodlands.

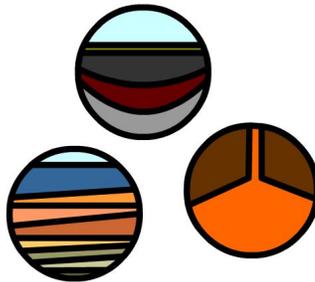


**English as a New Language (ENL-formerly known as ESL):**

Ms. Weinstein will be working with our English Language Learners to build their informational reading, writing, and language skills.

**Science:**

During the month of December, 2nd graders will review for and take the end of unit assessment for Unit 1. Students will begin the next unit of study: The Changes to Land Over Time. Students will understand the effects that wind and water have on land.



**Gym:**

Group Games! Working on teamwork, sportsmanship and communication in a fun, fast paced environment always improving on our gross motor skill exercises.



**Important Dates:**

12/1- 12/13: Winter Wishes

12/8: Barnes and Nobles Event

12/9: Picture Day Retake

12/20: Come to school dressed in your PAJAMAS!!

12/23-1/1: Winter Recess

See you on  
1/2/20

