

2nd Grade Newsletter

March 9 - March 14

Math

Unit 4: Subtract 2-Digit Numbers

- Solve two-step word problems
- Quick Quiz #3: Word problems on Wednesday
- Unit 4 Test on Friday

Math Tip: Telling Time to the 5 Minute Mark

Unit 5 will begin the last week before Spring Break. It starts with telling time. Reviewing time is quick and simple to do at home. Ask your child at random moments to tell the time on an analog clock (non-digital clock).

What's Been Happening

- You may have noticed the following question written on your child's math independent practice: *Does your answer make sense?* We have been focusing on this question when solving complex word problems. I told students if they see this question on their paper, it tells me they didn't double-check their answer. by rereading the problem with their answer.
- As part of March is Reading Month's sports theme, high school athletes come to our classrooms and read a sports-related/themed book. What a fabulous idea! A great way for our older students to be role models for the younger ones.

Reading

Fiction: Character Changes

- *My Sister Gracie*

Signposts: Memory Moment

- *Ira Says Goodbye*

Literacy Tip: Fluency

Your child has the same story for reading homework all week to practice fluency. Students that are on target for fluency can read at a rate that sounds like they are talking. They read with expression. They use punctuation marks appropriately. To mix it up, have your child read to a pet, younger/older sibling, or a stuffed animal. Part of reading on grade level is also to be a fluent reader. Therefore, it is important to read the story every day.

Writing

Grammar: Possessives

Writing: Narrative

- Wrapping up the writing portion of the 1st draft
- Revising our 1st drafts for more details, adjectives and adverbs, transition words, and possessives

Science/Social Studies

Unit 3: How Do Citizens Live Together in a Community?

- Why do communities need laws?

Spelling/Phonics

Vowel Teams

- Long U - ew, ue, ui
 - Lessons 24-25
 - Mini-test Thursday

Calendar

- Mar 10 (Tue): Wear your favorite sports team shirt
- Mar 12 (Thur): Wear green (our class color)
- Mar 13 (Fri): Wear black
- March 23-March 27: Spring Break

Parent Suggestions

- K-3 doesn't send home progress reports for the 3rd and 4th Quarter. However, if you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask me. I have started testing so look for results in the Friday Folder. This week, I started reading level testing. Those results I send home in the Black Take Home Folder.

