

2nd Grade News

Throughout the school year you will receive curricular newsletters to keep you informed about academic lessons being taught in second grade. It is our hope that these newsletters will help you better understand what is being expected of your child academically and how you can help him or her. The parent newsletters are also available on the Highlands Website. Should you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

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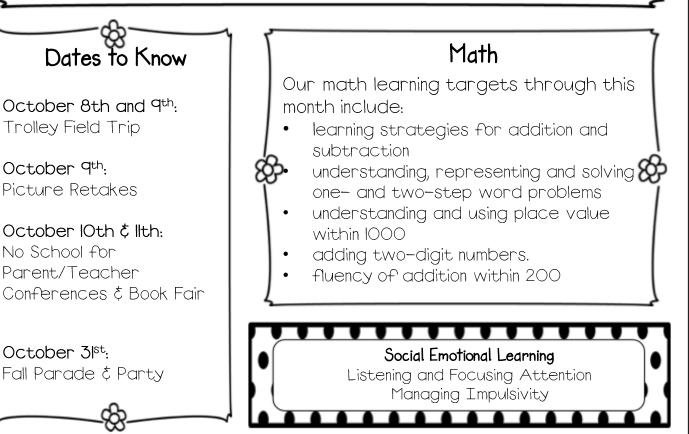
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If there is a change in your child's dismissal plan, it is important to inform the classroom teacher as well as the school secretaries.





Reading



During the last month we have been building our reading community. We have been working on:

- developing good reading habits
- selecting appropriate books
- monitoring thinking while reading to guide comprehension
- sharing in conversations about books
- building reading stamina
- establishing reading workshop structure

This month our focus will be to continue building students' reading comprehension of fiction texts with a study of:

- story elements (setting, character, problem, events, solution)
- different types of fiction
- narrative structure
- book discussions (guided reading, strategy groups, reading conferences)
- making connections (textto-self, text-to-text, text-to-world)

Narrative Writing

Our study of Narrative Writing includes:

- studying the craft of mentor authors
- telling the whole story of a small moment by planning out the steps, magnifying the moment with details and bringing stories to life
- using good leads and effective endings
- revising writing to make it more powerful by trying out craft moves mentor authors use
- editing for correct punctuation and spelling
- using checklists to evaluate writing and to set goals

Social Studies

This month we will continue to learn about:

- relationships within a community
- the community in which we live
- rights and responsibilities as a citizens

Science

Students will engage in hands on activities to learn about matter. Students will learn about states of matter and properties of matter.