



Room 22 Newsletter



April-May 2011

1st Grade

Math- We are learning about money, money, money. Since this is so important, we are extended Unit 8 on the book to add extra practice with counting coins (especially quarters) and we learn touch math strategies for adding on from a quarter. Next we will complete a 2 week course on touch math to help learn and master our addition and subtraction math facts to 20.

Language Arts- We have started mainstreaming for language arts in different RTI groups. All the students are also participating in a computer based literacy program called Lexia during language arts time. This program focuses on phonics and phonemic awareness. We are continuing to work on reading vowel teams, including diphthongs (oo, ou, ow). Please continue to read nightly.

Social Studies/Science- We have finished our "Animal Habitat" unit and have started another science unit about the plant life cycle. We will be learning parts of a flower, seed, and the growth cycle for plants. WE will also learn about different kinds of plants, including flowering plants and plants we eat. After Spring Break, we will be growing our own plants.

2nd Grade

Math- We have finished learning about two digit subtraction with regrouping and now we are practicing mixed addition/subtraction 2-3 digit problems. We have also started unit 7 in our math text, which focuses on multiplication and division concepts with visuals, and fractions. We will continue to prepare for the CST by working on practice tests during math time as well.

Language Arts- Our "Family Time" unit is almost complete. We have learned about character traits and identifying cause/effect relationships within this unit. We are working on reading and syllabication of multi-syllable words that contain word endings and prefixes. We will also continue practicing language arts test prep for the CST.

Social Studies/Science- We will complete our government unit after Spring Break. We are learning about the roles and jobs of each government branch and how they help our country. Next, we will start a new science unit about the butterfly lifecycle and we will observe real caterpillars during their life cycle process until they become butterflies. This process will take about 3 weeks and is highly motivating for the students.

CST-2nd graders will participate in CST testing everyday from May 9th-13th. Please review the practice tests that will come home this week and support your child by ensuring they have proper sleep and breakfasts during testing. I will send extra practice books home during break to practice. These are not mandatory to complete but will be helpful.

Writing- We are learning about naming parts and action parts of sentences. We are learning about different kinds of nouns like proper nouns, common nouns, and pronouns. We continue to work on capitalization and punctuation during our grammar and writing lessons.

Writing- Our focus is writing a complete paragraph with topic, details, and closing sentences.

Announcements

1. We have a new full time instructional assistant, Ms. Carrie. She is replacing Ms. Pal who is now at Brywood Elementary. This will be a permanent change and we are very excited and lucky to have her.
2. The parent behavior info meeting has been scheduled for Monday May 2nd from 3:45-4:45. Please join us. There will not be childcare though 😞

Reminders

- Spring Break April 18th-22nd
- Parent Behavior Meeting Monday May 2nd from 3:45-4:45
- 2nd Grade CST Testing May 9-13th
- 2nd Graders return Phonics Library "Family Time"
- No school Monday, May 30th - Memorial Day

***We Need....please
send in if possible.***

1. Clorox Wipes
2. Kleenex
3. Black Expo Markers