



CURRICULUM TIMES



Stockbridge Elementary
October
Second Grade

Literacy News

Leaves

October's Writing Focus...

We are focusing on writing about small moments in our lives. Check your writing to make sure you...

- *Only focus on one small moment.*
- *Use lots of details to tell about the small moment.*

Recommended Books Every Second Grader Should Read...

These titles can be found in our school library or your local library.

~Junie B. Jones and her Big Fat Mouth by Barbara Park

~The Invisible Island by Ron Roy

~Dolphins at Daybreak: Magic Tree House #9 by Mary Pope Osborne

~Sabertooth by Patrick O'Brien

Use this poem to answer the literacy questions on the back of this page!

How silently they
tumble down
And come to rest upon the ground
To lay a carpet,
rich and rare,
Beneath the trees
without a care,
Content to sleep,
their work well
done,
Colors gleaming in the sun.

At other times, they wildly fly
Until they nearly reach the sky.
Twisting, turning through the air
Till all the trees stand stark and bare.
Exhausted, drop to earth below
To wait, like children, for snow.

By Elsie N. Brady

How to Help Build Your Child's Literacy Skills:

- When your children read aloud, help them catch and correct their own mistakes by asking guiding questions. For example, you might ask, "Does that word really make sense here? What letter does it start with? What do you think the word could be?"
- Talk about the books you read together and about the books your children are reading on their own.
- Don't stop reading aloud! Developing readers can read simple chapter books alone, but they still need you to help read the kinds of books that will challenge their thinking and build their vocabulary.
- Suggest that your child read to a younger brother, sister, or neighbor. It will be good practice, a chance to show off skills, and an inspiration for the younger listener.