



Super Second Grade Newsletter

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Hello! The first day of spring is just around the corner-we hope anyways. Here's what is happening in our class right now:

There are several testing situations that are coming our way very quickly. First, we will be working very hard on our Second Grade Math-a-thon tests. Everyone will try their very best. It helps raise funds for new technology and fun events like class parties.

The second testing that will happen the next couple of weeks are the the CoGat/IOWA tests. They help to identify the students who qualify for gifted/challenge services or who need extra help in areas they are struggling in at this time. You should be getting the results close to the end of the school year or early summer break. There will be a family letter along with the breakdown of your child's scores in the academic areas tested. We will be giving the kids extra encouragement and large amounts of TLC for all of it. This is their first exposure to standardized testing and we want it to be productive, not stressful.

Reading: Again, reading at home for 20 minutes a day in addition to the school day is VERY IMPORTANT. Listening to your student read, buddy reading a book together, and reading to your child will give them even more exposure to the different genres and text format they need to succeed in the intermediate grades. It increases their stamina and reinforces the skills we are working on in class. We are reading all kinds of non-fiction works, answering complex questions, as well as using the text to answer graphic organizers/charts. This will help students read closely and prepare for the Ohio Testing in Reading for Third Grade.

Social Studies: We will continue working on the history of our country and ancestors of long ago. Students will be studying how things are still the same and how things have changed. Next we will be studying the inventors and circumstances that make it necessary for new inventions along with the next unit.

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Writing: We have been working on nonfiction research using biographies to understand social studies information. It helps the students to identify their place in time.

Math: TIME=MONEY\$...We will be working on telling time to 5 minute marks on analogue clocks. The students will need to be able to identify pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters. We will be working on counting change. A great way to reinforce these concepts at home is to get homework done and to have your child read your clock at home and count change to you.

A COUPLE of IMPORTANT ITEMS:

- **Remember to report changes in cell phone numbers** so we can call you if there is an emergency. Also always write a note or call if there is a change in how your child needs to get home. Safety is so important to us. We appreciate your extra help so much!

Thank you for your support,
Second Grade Team
Mrs. O'Kline, Ms. O' Payne, and Mrs.O' Richey

Important Dates to Remember for Second Grade

March	2	Math-a-thon testing
	5-9	Grade 2 CogAt testing *All week-please be on time and ready to go!
	9	Family Movie Night 6:30 p.m.
	15	Spring Pictures
	20	Primary Music Program <i>Where the Wild Things Are @6:30 p.m. at Memorial Theater</i>
	23	Spring Break begins (on Friday)
April	3	Classes Resume (on Tuesday)
	19	Second Grade Field Trip to Gorman Nature Center *More information to come!

