



Pomona Elementary School Newsletter - November 2017



Important Dates

☺ PAC Meeting - 2nd Tuesday of Every Month 5pm-6pm

☺ November 21st-25th—Thanksgiving Break

Second Grade

We are working in Unit 3 in Bridges In Mathematics. The skills in this unit are around 10's and 1's, and focus on addition and subtraction skills. The reading skills for this month cover making connections, using background knowledge, and making inferences about what we read. For writing we will continue to work on narrative writing pieces. Throughout the November we will work on the science unit about force and motion. In Social Studies our focus will be the native people, and events of the founding our country.

We continue to send spelling lists and homework home each week. We are sending both on Friday in order to give families ample time to complete them. The reading log and homework allow your child to practice skills at home that your child is learning in school.

Later this year we will be doing a math module that requires paper towel and toilet paper rolls. Please send them in throughout the year since we will need around 300 per class.

Please read at home with your child; it will benefit them in all areas of the curriculum and help them go into third grade with continued strong skills. We also appreciate you taking the time to help/review the homework your child does. It is a great way to spend time with your child and to let them know how important learning is.

Thank you

The Second Grade Team

3rd Grade News

We have completed the second unit in our math curriculum and feel the students are really enjoying taking numbers to new levels! Continue working with them in addition/subtraction facts and also start adding in multiplication facts. Don't forget the website for our math program: www.mathlearningcenter.org check it the great resources!

Our writing is improving every day and we are taking our reading levels through the roof! Please continue reading with your child every day. Don't make it a battle, but instead, find fun ways to get them interested in reading on their own. Strategies you might include are:

1. You read a page and they read a page
2. Pick a read aloud book and make reading time special in your home
3. Read poems and lyrics to songs they enjoy and have them practice reading
4. Your child can help in the kitchen- have them read the recipe to you
5. Find books of their interest- they will be more willing to read something they enjoy

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Greetings from fifth grade! As we move into November students will be learning more about division and fractions in math. In social studies, students will be continuing their unit on maps; including looking at and making globes as well as continents of the world. In science we will be finishing up our soda geyser project and then move into geology. Wednesdays will continue to be STEM days with hands on challenge projects.

Math Unit Overviews:

Parents please click on the link to see what your child is learning in math!

[Grade K Unit 2 Overview](#)

[Grade 1 Unit 3 Overview](#)

[Grade 2 Unit 3 Overview](#)

[Grade 3 Unit 3 Overview](#)

[Grade 4 Unit 2 Overview](#)

Intervention Central

Literacy Activity:

Building Reading Stamina

Having stamina for something means being able to stick with something for periods of time. Reading stamina is something that parents can help students develop. Here's how:

1. Vary the way the reading is done. Parents can think about this in terms of having their child "read to himself, read to someone, and listen to reading." Some combination of the three should make up the reading time, especially for new or struggling readers.
2. Choose "just right" books. If your child is at a stage of being able to read alone, help him choose books that he is able to read independently. This means he should be able to decode almost every word in the book correctly. In this situation, avoid using books that are too difficult to read alone. If your child will be reading with you, choose books that are lively and engaging.
3. Check with your child's teacher about how long your child should be reading at home.
4. Celebrate progress. Celebrate the time that is spent reading. Share your favorite parts of books read, plan the next visit to the library, and share progress with other family members.
5. Most of all, enjoy reading with and to your child and listening to them read to you!

Math Activity:

1. As you are going about your daily life, please take those precious minutes to share or teach a small math life lesson. For example:
 - a. Help your child count how long (seconds/minutes) it takes for the red light to turn green.
 - b. Add numbers that are on license plates or tell their place value- ones, tens, hundreds!
 - c. Count by 2's, 5's, 10's as you are driving from one destination to another.
 - d. Discuss the "differences" in ages in your household-subtract!
 - e. Math is fun! Please help your child have an "I can" attitude by being positive about Math! Mistakes are necessary to learning! They're growing that brain!

Please find the link to your child's grade level overview and more fun home activities in this newsletter to know how you can assist your child's learning. There's some awesome learning going on in your child's classroom! Thanks for all you do!

Pomona Proud,

Mrs. Baird and Mrs. Schrick

