

Feb. 4-8, 2019

This is what I like to call the "meat" of second grade, when we have a long length of time in school before any substantial breaks to really get into the tougher academics. You may see that your child seems to be maturing during this growth period, both academically and socially.

## Important Events This Week:

• Homework Packet #4.1, #4.2, and #4.3 Due - Wednesday

Please encourage your child to keep reading for Reading Counts. The students are allowed to take quizzes during free time every day.

The weather is especially cold outside, so please make sure your child has a winter coat, boots, snow pants, a hat, and mittens/gloves for recess. Each child will be expected to go outside for recess unless the wind-chill falls below 0. Thanks for your help with this.

As you might have noticed, we have been working on double-digit subtraction quite heavily this past week. Looking for ways to help your child? The <u>best</u> way is to practice simple subtraction facts with them periodically. Quiz them in the car, waiting in line at a store, or take 5 minutes every day to work on subtraction facts with them. As kids become more fluent with subtraction facts (to the point where they can automatically "spit" out the answer without having to use their fingers or spend time thinking), they will think that this double-digit subtraction method is SO MUCH EASIER! Thank you for your help with this.

Thank you again, parents, for all of your support. Call anytime if you have questions.

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