



May Newsletter

Dear Families,

It's hard to believe that we are in the final stretch of second grade. It is always sad to think of the class getting ready to move on and starting all over again. We are going to enjoy these last 2 months together with several fun and exciting learning opportunities.

In reading, we are focusing on an author study of Tomie dePaola. The students are learning about the author by reading many of his books and making connections. On May 8th we had about 8 visitors in our classroom observing the Reader's Workshop model of teaching. The class did a fabulous job listening and talking to our visitors about the books they were reading and explaining their thinking. Bravo!!!!

Our writing focus continues with writing narrative, expository and opinion paragraphs. Students continue to use graphic organizers to help plan their writing

During math we are learning about graphs and data. Students will be making bar and picture graphs and writing statements about the information learned from the data. We will also be making line plots and explaining their thinking by reasoning. Please continue to practice addition and subtraction basic facts up to 20.

We will wrap up our science for the year by studying habitats. We will focus on several different habitats and how animals need to adapt to their surroundings. We will discover what an animal needs in their habitat in order to survive. We will also, investigate plant life and what it needs in order to grow. Most of our research will include using the Chrome Books.

We are looking forward to our field trip to the Franklin Park Zoo on May 16th.

Stay tuned for updates about end-of-the-year dates and events. Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs. Ennis

