

**Jones Dairy
Elementary**

Cruising Cars Courier

Track 1, Second Grade

January 10, 2020

In Second Grade We Are Learning!

Welcome back to the second half of second grade! I hope everyone had a fun and restful winter track out! It was so exciting to see all of the smiling faces full of stories of fun and adventures.

We have begun our third EL module - Researching To Build Knowledge and Teach Others: The Secret World of Pollination. In the first of the three units within the module, we have continued to look at informational texts to build background knowledge about plants. We will be learning about the various stages plants go through and the parts of a plant. The guiding questions we are focusing on for this unit are: 1) How do plants grow and survive? 2) How do we get the fruits, flowers, and vegetables we enjoy? We are working hard to answer text dependent questions using text evident to support our answer and by answering in a complete sentence that rewords the question into a statement (sentence stem), with second grade appropriate capitalization, spelling, and punctuation. Some students are still not consistently using appropriate writing mechanics and should practice answering questions using these guidelines. In Letterland, we met the Boot Twins this week and focused on the "oo" phonics pattern (RF2.3b). Next week, we will build on this by learning about "ew," "ue," and "oo" in foot.

Our math unit we started working on is Addition and Subtraction within 1000. We will be using a lot of the strategies we have already learned and worked with, but will be doing so with triple digit numbers within 1000 (NBT.7). It will be very important that your child completes his/her fluency math homework each night focusing on both addition and subtraction, in order to build increasing fluency with sums and differences through 20. We will be working to solve addition and subtraction word problems within 1000 (OA.1).

SeeSaw Parent Access

In the coming weeks, I will be sending home an invitation for you to see what your child is doing in SeeSaw. This will have instructions on how to access and/or download the app in order to see the activities that your child completes in the classroom on Seesaw. These activities are part of the digital portfolios that students create. Beginning in third grade, students will no longer use Seesaw and will instead work within the Google suite. Some teachers elect to use SeeSaw as their primary means of communication with families, but I will continue to communicate and respond via email. Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Cruising Cars Schedule

Dates	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7/9-7/26 10/1-10/18 1/2-1/24 4/1-4/22	Art	Media	Music	PE	Elective
7/29-8/16 10/21-11/8 1/27-2/14 4/23-5/13	PE	Art	Media	Music	Elective
8/19-9/6 11/11-12/6 2/18-3/6 5/14-6/4	Media	Music	PE	Art	Elective



Important Information & Dates:



- We were excited to welcome Mrs. Bransome back from her maternity leave this Monday!
- Second quarter report cards and new iStation reports went home today (Friday, January 10th). Please be sure to remove the report card and iStation report and parent portal letter, sign the envelope, and return on Monday. If you would like to meet for a conference, please check the box on the envelope and we can schedule.
- Family Fitness Night will be at JDE on Thursday, January 16th from 6:00-7:30. Please come out and join us for a fun night of fitness.
- There will be no school on Monday, January 20th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- Please put it on your calendar that Monday, February 17th is a PD day for staff and students will not have school.