

**Jones Dairy
Elementary**

Cruising Cars Courier

Track 1, Second Grade

January 9, 2019

In Second Grade We Are Learning!

Welcome to the second half of the second grade! I'm keeping my fingers crossed that this milder weather will mean no snow days! I should probably knock on wood.

In reading, Ms. Keser and I are making some adjustments to our reading groups based on the most recent data and observations that we have about the children's performance in reading. Your child will be learning shortly which classroom/teacher they will be having for reading instruction. As usual, we will continue to teach Letterland (phonics instruction) together each week. This week's unit focuses on words that make the short /e/ sound despite having the vowel team of "ea." We are also spending time learning about poetry. Students will be learning about rhythm, rhyme scheme, personification, alliteration, lines, and stanzas. This goes well with our writing unit "Writing Like a Poet." Students have been working on creating animal alliteration poems.

In math, we are finishing up the unit we began before tracking out on place value. We have our final assessment for this unit on Wednesday. Students will be expected to draw numbers using picture form to represent base 10 blocks. They will need to be able to write numbers using the most efficient (least possible blocks) and alternate forms (trading out one hundreds block for ten 10's, etc.) Our next math unit will be addition and subtraction within 1000 with and without regrouping. For this unit, it will be **EXTREMELY IMPORTANT** that students are BOTH accurate and fluent with basic addition and subtract fact fluency with partners through 20. We have been doing flash cards daily since the beginning of the school year, and I am concerned that many children are still not as fluent as they will need to be. If you aren't already, please make sure that **your child is using flash cards, timed tests, etc. to work on fact fluency.**

We are beginning this quarter with earth science and will be learning about air and weather. Our next social studies unit will be on Economics, and we will be having our annual Economics Store. You may want to begin brainstorming different products your child can create for the store (he/she will need to make 30).

Cruising Cars Schedule

Dates	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7/9-7/26 10/1-10/19 1/2-1/25 4/1-4/19	Music	Media	PE	Art	Elective
7/27-8/17 10/22-11/9 1/28-2/15 4/22-5/19	Media	Art	PE	Music	Elective
8/20-9/7 11/12-12/5 2/18-3/8 5/10-6/4	Art	Music	PE	Media	Elective



Positivity Project

JDE has joined The Positivity Project as a Partner School! Our goal is to support our students in their social-emotional growth and to promote a school-wide culture that fosters a feeling of community belonging. Through the implementation of the Positivity Project students will have the ability to build stronger relationships with others, while they are also recognizing character strengths in themselves. In order to fit this into our already busy schedules, announcements will begin each day at 9:05 and we will begin teaching our daily Positivity Project lesson at 9:15. Please make every effort to have your child to school prior to 9:05, so they aren't missing morning announcements.

Important Information & Dates:

- **Kindergarten Registration** began on January 7th, 2019. Please see <https://www.wcpss.net/jonesdairy> for more information
- Please note that **JDE Family Night will be at Zaxby's** on January 10th from 5:00-9:00
- The PTA is hosting the first **Family Fitness Night** with our PE Specialist! Please come Tuesday, January 15th from 6-7:30 p.m. for an evening of fun fitness challenges and activities. There will be something for everyone and all fitness levels. Hope to see you there!
- **Yearbooks** are on sale NOW at Yearbookforever.com! Order now! \$26 til 3/15, & \$29 til 5/4. If you need assistance, contact ckalet@wcpss.net.

