

**Jones Dairy
Elementary**

Cruising Cars Courier

Track 1, Second Grade

October 1, 2018

In Second Grade We Are Learning!

I hope everyone had a wonderful track out and are geared up for the second quarter of second grade!

Our mentor text this week was *The Day The Crayons Quit*. Our focus will be changing plural nouns (y to ies). Next week, we will begin to use non-fiction texts for our mentor sentences, beginning with Gail Gibbons' book, *Bats*. We will be spending time learning about the various text features in non-fiction text and how they help us to better navigate these texts to help us find the information we are looking for (RI.2.5). In Letterland, we will learning about our fourth syllable time, Vowel Teams, and how when two vowels go walking the first one does the talking. Specifically, we will learn about ee, ea, ai, ay, oa, and ow (RF.3).

In writing, we will be working to write like scientists. This unit is a great opportunity for cross curricular study and we will be spending time conducting science experiments about sound and vibrations. Then, we will write up our findings in a lab report. We will work to publish these lab reports using the Chromebooks.

In math, we are continuing to use addition strategies to solve addition word problems with multiple addends (NBT.6) We will focus on using the Property of Operations, which tells us that order does not matter when adding. Additionally, we will use strategies based on place value (decomposing numbers into tens and ones to add). We will also spend time skip counting by 5's and 10's and using a number line to help us do this (NBT.2).

The last few days of this unit, will lead well into our first full unit of the second quarter on skip counting. They have moved learning about time to five minute intervals into this unit on skip counting, so it may be a good time to practice using an analog clock to tell time. (MD.7) Students will probably have the final assessment on this unit late next week. Keep an eye on your child's agenda for the specific date.

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



Book Wish List

In preparation for the third quarter, I have put together a book wish list of books that I am hoping to use for mentor sentence texts. I have included a link to my wish list on thriftbooks.com, as I have found this a very economical way for me to purchase books for our classroom library. I try to find the book in "good" shape as these books have been totally acceptable, yet cost effective, for our needs. However, if you would rather find a book(s) another way, we'll happily to accept a book ANY way you would be willing to send it (for example, if you have a copy at home that your child is no longer using). HA! I would just remove it from the wish list, so it won't be purchased twice.

[HTTPS://WWW.THRIFTBOOKS.COM/LIST/SHARE/D15D2D24F5FDD4ED/](https://www.thriftbooks.com/list/share/d15d2d24f5fdd4ed/)

Important Information & Dates:

- **Marco's Pizza Night** for track 1 is TONIGHT, October 3rd.
- If your child received a note in his/her folder about payment for **Scholastic News**, please be sure to pay by this Friday, October 5th. You may pay online using the online school payment link (which can be found on our classroom and school website).
- If your child will be participating in JDE's Fourth Annual Reading Fair, please be sure to use the following link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c49afac229-jdes>
- Track 1 & 3 will be having our **Picture retakes** on Wednesday, October 10th. Remember to send in your picture package if you wish for your child to have retakes.
- October is **National Bully Prevention** month. JDE will be acknowledging this with the following:
 - Wednesday, October 17--Unity Day--Students and staff are encouraged to wear orange to show that we are together against Bullying and United for Kindness
 - Thursday, October 18---Inside Out Day--Words hurt on the inside more than they appear on the outside

