

Jones Dairy Elementary

# Cruising Cars Courier

Track 1, Second Grade

October 18, 2019

## In Second Grade We Are Learning!

In EL we are nearing the end of the first unit of Module 2. We were introduced to a real paleontologist, Mary Anning through a historic fiction book called, *Stone Girl, Bone Girl*. We have spent several days diving deeply into this text to focus on retelling (RL2.5) a story including important details from the beginning (setting and characters), middle (main events, problems), and end (resolution). We also focused carefully on the challenges that Mary faced in Lyme Regis, England and how she responds to major events and challenges in the text (RL2.3). We also spent some time learning about paleontologists. We focused on what they do and the tools that they use. In Letterland, we have been focusing on common vowel teams (ee, ea, ai, ay, ow, and oa). Next week, we will be learning about silent letters (kn, wr, mb, igh).

In math, we have begun our third unit on skip counting in multiple contexts. During this short unit, we will be working to tell time to five minute intervals (MD.7) and using arrays to create repeated addition equations (OA.4). Telling time can be tricky for many second graders, especially those times that depict half past the hour with the hour hand appearing closer to the next hour. Arrays and repeated addition are precursors to multiplication and a strategy that is also used in third grade. Please help your child to remember that columns are vertical (I tell them to remember the word "column" has a tall letter "l" in it) and rows are horizontal. Additionally, as we have begun working on subtraction fluency, I have noticed that some children are struggling with subtraction facts with totals through 20. Please work with your child using flashcards to help him/her become more fluent in both addition and subtraction facts with sums and differences through 20.

### 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



### Wish List

- ✓ Playground balls and equipment!!
- ✓ White cardstock
- ✓ Colored cardstock
- ✓ Amazon gift cards (to purchase ink for our classroom printer, and for books to add to our library)
- ✓ Magic Erasers (original only)
- ✓ Papermate Flair Pens

### Important Information & Dates:

- I know the kids are going to have a ton of fun at the **Fun Run!** Please remember to send your child in his/her Fun Run shirt and a water bottle on Friday. Please remember that even when the run is over, we can still accept pledges through October 28th. Please consider helping the PTA reach their \$40,000 goal!
- Please don't forget that Monday, October 21st is a **teacher workday** and there will be no school for students.
- JDE will be hosting a **cultural arts** events for our students on Wednesday, October 23rd. The artist will be Jonathan Daniel "Wire Boy."
- JDE is supporting the **Wake Relief Food Drive** by having a grade level competition. Second graders are being asked to send in boxes of cereal, grits, instant oatmeal, etc.
- Our first **field trip** to Historic Oak View Park on November 1st is approaching quickly. Unless you indicated your child would purchase a lunch from the cafeteria, please make sure that you send in a "disposable" lunch with your child (meaning no containers/water bottles and packed in a disposable bag of some sort.)

