

**Jones Dairy  
Elementary**

# Cruising Cars Courier

**Track 1, Second Grade**

**November 19, 2018**

## In Second Grade We Are Learning!

It's hard to believe that we are in the home stretch of the second quarter. With Thanksgiving break beginning on Wednesday, we only have one full week of school left and three days the following week!

In reading, we are continuing to work with non-fiction texts. We worked to identify the main idea and supporting details using expository texts (RI.2.2). Students did very well identifying the topic, but had a more difficult time identifying what about the topic the author was trying to focus on (ex: the topic was teeth, but the main idea was how to care for your teeth). We will continue to practice this skill. We had a lot of fun learning about author's purpose (RI.2.6) and the students did very well reading short passages and identifying why the author most likely wrote it (author's purpose is as easy as P.I.E. where P= persuade, I= inform, E= entertain). This culminated with playing Pie Face. Students were excited to get "pied" if they were able to identify the correct author's purpose. This week, we spent time learning about Plymouth Colony and read several passages about the pilgrims journey to the new world and how they survived once they arrived. Students spent time creating several activities to go along with this and were very interested to learn about the pilgrims. For the remaining days of the quarter, we will be focusing on comparing and contrasting different non-fiction texts on the same topic (RI.2.9).

In writing, we have completed and collected research together, as a class, to learn about bats (W.2.5). We are finishing up the drafting and revising process in order to write an informative paper with facts about bats. (W.2.2). I have been very pleased with the quality of the informative writing that the students have been producing! We are still focusing on mechanics, but the structure is getting more solid.

In social studies, we are learning about how our history impacts our culture (2.H.1 & 2.C.1). We have spent time learning about artifacts, and will now focus on using timelines to help us organize dates and events into an easy to understand text feature.

## 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



## Holiday Store

To mark the end of the second quarter, students will be given the opportunity to participate in a holiday store on **Tuesday, December 4th in the morning (10:30-12:30)**. This will allow students to use their hard earned class cash in order to practice giving to others. Students will be given the opportunity to use their money in our class Holiday Store to purchase gifts for the members of their families. In order to pull this off, I am asking that families each try to donate between 5-10 items that can be for various members of the family (moms, dads, grandparents, siblings, even furry friends). Additionally, we will need donations of gift bags (lots!), bows, cards, and wrapping paper. In the past, families have sent in unused items they may have around the home, items found at the Dollar Store and Target Dollar Spot. I will also be looking for volunteers to help volunteer the day of the store with shopping and wrapping.

## Important Information & Dates:

- If you are able, please consider grabbing an "angel" from the **Angel Tree** in the front office. When I last looked, there were still several angels that had not yet been accounted for. I know the families that benefit from this kind outreach are so appreciative!
- Don't forget the **JDE Reading Fair** will be Tuesday, December 4th! I'm so excited to see all of the hard work that the boys and girls have put into their projects!
- **Yearbooks** are on sale NOW at Yearbookforever.com! Order now! \$23 til 12/22, \$26 til 3/15, & \$29 til 5/4. If you need assistance, contact ckalet@wcpss.net.
- The **Fall Book Fair** will be November 28th—December 12th. Our opportunity to look and make wish lists will be on 11/28 from 10:15-10:30. You may then send your child with money or set up an electronic account (info was provided in Friday Folders) to purchase books. It will also be open the night of the Reading Fair, if you would rather be with your child when they purchase books.

