

**Jones Dairy
Elementary**

Cruising Cars Courier

Track 1, Second Grade

April 22, 2019

In Second Grade We Are Learning!

We have several busy and fun-filled weeks coming up with our field trip and field day coming up! I know the children are excited for both!

In math, we finished up our unit on linear measurement. All of the children did well with measuring and estimating different objects using a variety of different units. We have begun our next unit, which is on data and problem solving. This unit has students using information they are learning about animals to collect and graph data using a variety of different types of graphs. They will then use the tables and graphs to answer questions and solve problems with the data.

In reading, we are continuing to work with non-fiction texts, which aligns well with what we are doing in both math and science. The standards we are working on has the children working to EXPLAIN and DESCRIBE connections, which can be difficult for second graders. For RI.2.3, students are working to explain how steps connect in historical texts, scientific text, or technical texts. RI.2.8 asks students to describe how evidence they find in the text supports the main points the author is making. This is tricky as it requires students to first identify the main idea, then find text evidence to support it, and finally to describe HOW the evidence supports the point. We will continue to work on this, but as your child is reading non-fiction texts at home, please ask your child how text evidence supports the author's point to reinforce this concept at home.

We are still working on writing rave reviews. I am working with the class on the importance of editing and revising their own work, and also doing the same for their classmates. We have talked about how important this stage of the writing process is, and how not giving your classmates helpful suggestions/advice isn't being a good partner.

In science, our caterpillars have all transitioned into the pupa stage and are encased in chrysalides. Unfortunately, due to the early arrival of the larvae, I am thinking it will be likely that some of our butterflies will emerge during the long Easter weekend. Hopefully, we will get to see some upon our return.

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



Field Trip

Our field trip to the Museum of Life and Science will be next Thursday, April 25th. I won't be attending the field trip with the class. Ms. Deats (a former JDE teacher) will be going in my place. Please be sure your child arrives to school on time, as we will be loading the bus promptly at 9:15, to maximize the time at the museum. Your child will need to bring a packed lunch from home as the cafeteria will be closed by the time we return (around 1:45). Also, please be sure to send your child a small, quick snack (with drink) that is completely disposable in a bag labeled with his/her name. They will be eating their snack very quickly before loading the bus to return to JDE.

Important Information & Dates:



- Third Graders will be having a **Change War** on Tuesday, April 30th. The money will be donated to help Ms. Munsey's Rotary Club provide clean drinking water in Nacaragua.
- This year's **Field Day** for track 1 will be on Tuesday, April 30th beginning at 9:30. All field trip t-shirts have been sent home with your children. Please consider volunteering to run a station, as this makes the day run much more smoothly! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B49AFAE2AA1FF2-tracks4> There won't be any water activities, so no need to send a change of clothes. Please remember to put sunblock on your child (if you wish) prior to school starting, as it cannot be applied at school. You may also wish to send your child to school with a water bottle clearly labeled with his/her name.
- Please note that there will be **no school** on Wednesday, May 1st.
- **Interim Reports** will be going home May 3rd. Please be sure to sign and return it, so I know you have seen it. I will then put a check next to your signature and return it, so you will have a copy.
- **Spring Book Fair** is coming May 2nd—May 17th. If you are able to sign up to help run the Book Fair, please consider doing so as it takes a lot of volunteers to make is successful! Use the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b054daaac2da46-2018>