

**Jones Dairy  
Elementary**

# Cruising Cars Courier

**Track 1, Second Grade**

**July 16, 2018**

## In Second Grade We Are Learning!

Welcome to the exciting world of second grade! I have really enjoyed getting to know your children over the past week or so. Thank you for all of the wonderful letters I have received from you telling me about your child.

In reading, we are continuing to use a mentor text and a specific mentor sentence from the text to notice parts of speech in, revise, and imitate. Last week our text was *First Day Jitters*. We will be our mentor text will be *Chrysanthemum*. Next week, we will be using *Officer Buckle And Gloria*. As we have been reading these mentor texts, we have been working on asking and answering questions about the text and identifying before reading, during reading, and after reading question types (RL.1). We will begin to work on describing the structure of stories (RL.5) and how the beginning introduces the story and the ending concludes the action. As in first grade, we will use Letterland for phonics instruction, and are focusing on identifying syllable types (open, closed, magic e), doubling consonants ("best friends to the rescue") in short vowel words, and using the magic e ending to change the vowel type to a long vowel sound (RF.3)

In writing, we are working on collecting small moment journal entries that we will use to choose a topic for our small moment writing that we will take through the Writing Process for our first published narrative writing (W.2.3). Small moment pieces focus heavily on providing a great deal of detail on a very small "moment" and showing the reader these details rather than simply telling them.

In math, we spent last week reviewing using number lines to add and subtract numbers (MD.6). We also practiced identifying if numbers were odd or even and justifying how we knew (OA.3). We will begin to focus on addition and subtraction strategies that will help us fluently add and subtract within 20 (OA.2). We will be learning counting all, counting on, using a number line, using a hundreds board, using a math mountain, and the make a ten strategy.

### 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



### Specials

As you have probably noticed, specials have once again changed this year. This year, students will have the four main specials (music, media, PE, and art) Monday through Thursday. On Fridays, children will attend an "elective special." These are scheduled in three week cycles that follow the specials schedule listed in the newsletter. The specialists will have different types of electives to choose from (ex: fancy lettering, wiffle ball, brain teasers, checkers). Roughly four to six children from each second grade class will be mixed together for a three week cycle. Once your child is placed in an elective, (s)he will remain in the same elective with the same group of children for three Fridays before attending a new elective for the next cycle. It will be important that you communicate with your child about which elective (s)he has chosen, so you make sure (s)he has the appropriate footwear, clothing, etc. for the elective.

### Important Information & Dates:

- **Open House** for track 1 will now be on Tuesday, July 24th from 6:30-8:00. The PTA will have a meeting from 6:30-8:00. Classroom teachers will then have an two (identical) sessions for you to choose one to attend. The first will be from 7:00-7:30 and the second from 7:30-8:00. These sessions will be different from last year, in that there is no need for students to attend as I will be going over the curriculum, classroom procedures, etc. I look forward to seeing you all again!
- **Interim Reports** for track 1 students will be sent home the week of August 6th-10th. You should look for this in your child's homework folder on Friday, August 11th. Please remember that these grades are reflective of your child's performance up to the halfway mark of the quarter and many more assignments will be graded between now and the end of the quarter.

