

**Jones Dairy  
Elementary**

# Cruising Cars Courier

**Track 1, Second Grade**

**July 29, 2019**

## In Second Grade We Are Learning!

We've had a great first few weeks in second grade. I am pleased to see the students starting to get familiar with our classroom routines. In general, this is a very active and chatty group, so we are incorporating lots of brain breaks and transitions. We are also working on building up our stamina and ability to actively focus for increasing periods of time.

Our mentor text this week will be *Memoirs of a Goldfish*. Our focus will be on sorting singular and plural nouns. Next week, we will be using *Skippyjohn Jones*. We will continue to focus on asking and answering before, during, and after reading questions (RL.1) and on the story structure (RL.5). This past week, we began our new, EL Curriculum with Module 1 where we will be learning about Schools and Communities. The lessons are engaging, but tend to be long in length, which has been a challenge for the children to sustain focus in. We continue to work on classroom procedures such as raising our hands before contributing and staying on task. In Letterland, we will be focusing on long vowel words with magic e syllable type (RF.3).

In math, we had our first assessment over number lines and odd/even numbers. The group did very well, as a whole! We will continue to learn addition and subtraction strategies such as counting all, counting on, using a number line, using a hundreds board, using a math mountain, and the make a ten strategy. I have noticed that students should continue to practice fact fluency and am asking that each child spend at least three nights per week working with addition and subtraction flashcards to continue to increase fact fluency. Our next math assessment is scheduled for Thursday, August 1st. However, as teachable moments arise, or need for re-teaching arise. Please continue to monitor your child's agenda, as I will make sure they write to study the night before. I will send their spiral notebook home to help students study, but please be sure they return it the next day as it will be needed in class.

### 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!!**
- ✓ **New or used books your child is no longer reading**  
(particularly in the AR levels of 1.0-2.0, the "I Can Read—level 1" books are a good fit)
- ✓ **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:



- Thank you to everyone who was able to come to **Open House** on Thursday! It was great to get to see everyone and talk about what is sure to be a wonderful year!
- **Interim Reports** for track 1 students will be sent home the week of August 5th-9th. You should look for this in your child's homework folder on Friday, August 9th. 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.
- The **Fun Run** is back again this year! Like last year, the PTA is sponsoring the run rather than the Boosterthon, in order to keep more of the money raised at JDE. More details to come, but keep October 18th on your calendar as that will be track 1 and 2's run. If you haven't already, please get me your child's **t-shirt size ASAP**.