

Jones Dairy
Elementary

Cruising Cars Courier

Track 1, Second Grade

July 30, 2018

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.

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 *Skippyjon 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). Next week, we will begin having reading groups with students grouped across track 1 with peers of similar reading abilities. We will be working on introducing reading group stations and procedures. Reading station work is expected to be completed by Friday. Students will have ample time to get these assignments finished. If work is incomplete, students will have the opportunity to complete it over the weekend to receive full credit. We will be discussing time management at length, and it will be very important that students use their time wisely to complete these independent stations. In Letterland, we will focus on long vowel rules with the magic e syllable type (RF.3).

In writing, we are working to draft our small moment writing. Students will use their five senses to set the scene for the introduction. This piece 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 had our first assessment over number lines and odd/even numbers. We will continue to learn addition and subtraction strategies such as counting all, counting on, number line, hundreds board, math mountains, and the make a ten strategy. I have noticed that students are struggling with fact fluency and am asking that each child spend at least three nights per week working with addition and subtraction flashcards to increase fact fluency. Our next math assessment is scheduled for Thursday, August 2nd, However, this is subject to change as teachable moments arise, or need for re-teaching arise.

In social studies, we will continue to work on learning about civics and government. We will be working on a collaborative project to think critically and problem solve potential community problems.

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

Please note that track 3 has tracked out and track 4 has returned. As such, we are now operating on the second specials schedule of the rotations below (7/27-8/17). Please make note of the changes. Additionally, your child will select the new elective that (s)he will be going to for the next three week cycle. Please make sure you ask your child which elective he/she has chosen, so that (s)he is wearing appropriate footwear and has the materials needed.

Additionally, please make note of the attachment that came with the email you received this newsletter with. It is a memo from Ms. Pennington regarding the appropriate footwear children are requested to for PE.



Important Information & Dates:

- Thank you for your understanding about my having to reschedule our **Open House**. I wanted to reschedule for as soon as possible, so that you aren't feeling out of the loop. I will be holding our **Open House on Thursday, August 2nd from 6:00-6:30**. This session 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.