

**Jones Dairy
Elementary**

Cruising Cars Courier

Track 1, Second Grade

August 13, 2018

In Second Grade We Are Learning!

It's hard to believe that we have already past the halfway point for the first quarter of second grade!

Our mentor text this week will be *The Paperboy*. Our focus will be on using apostrophes to form contractions. This week, I will give students a few activities to assess their ability to tell about the beginning, middle, and end of stories they have read or have been read to them. Next week, our mentor text will be *If You Give A Mouse A Cookie*. We will begin working on our next standard, which has students using illustrations to learn more about the characters, setting, and plot to gain understanding of stories read (RL2.7). In Letterland, we will focusing on words with Mr. U and Magic e (ex: use, flute), and the change to the soft sound of "g" when followed by "e." Next week, we will be learning about the three sounds of "-ed" (/ed/, /d/, /t/) when making words past tense. (RF.3).

In writing, we are finishing our first writing that students took through the entire writing process (pre-writing/brainstorming, drafting, revising, editing, and publishing). Students are still working hard to try to keep their stories very "small" and detail oriented. We will begin working on our second writing, which will focus on a time students had ice cream.

In math, we will continue to learn using addition strategies such as using a number line, using a hundreds board, expanded form, 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 16th. However, as teachable moments arise, or need for re-teaching arise.

In social studies, we will be wrapping up our collaborative project about solving community problems. Then, we will begin focusing on our science unit on matter.

Gumball Parties

Our class has been working very hard to earn Petey's Praise from specialists, in the cafeteria, and when traveling in the hallway. Each time our class earns ten yellow Petey's Praise (three can be earned at each special and an additional three can be earned each day in the cafeteria), we earn a "gumball" on our classroom gumball machine. Additionally, the class receives one gumball for each pink Petey's Praise we earn from an administrator (these are hard to come by!) When the class earns ten gumballs, we will celebrate with a reward. We are very close to earning our first gumball reward. If you want to help us celebrate, by "sponsoring" our first celebration, please let me know. In the past, some ways other classes have celebrated have been with sweet treats, a craft, pajama day, etc.

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



Important Information & Dates:



- Per Mr. Bendel's weekly update on Friday, please note that JDE is hopeful that interim reports and Mclass Home Connect letters will be sent home this Friday, August 17th due to corrections the county is making to align the new Gradebook Pro. 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.
- Please note that all visitors to school will now be required to have identification with them in order to sign in, check your child out, volunteer, etc. This is due to our new computer system and for the safety of our students.
- Field Trip paperwork will be going home this week. Please be sure to complete both pages of the stapled permission slip and the bag lunch form and return ASAP, but no later than September 7th. I strongly encourage you to pay online using the link on our classroom website, but if you are unable to, please send in cash or a check payable to Jones Dairy Elementary. Please remember that I am unable to make change.