

**Jones Dairy
Elementary**

Cruising Cars Courier

Track 1, Second Grade

August 26, 2019

In Second Grade We Are Learning!

We earned a record number of Petey's with substantially better behavior in the hallway, cafeteria, and specials. We earned our "aquamarine" paw earning 10 extra minutes of recess, coupled with the 5 extra minutes we earned for making it THREE days without the music box running out of music! We still are getting some comments from specials teachers about needing to work to listen to and follow directions, which is consistent with what I'm seeing and will continue to work on this. However, I do believe we are showing improvement!

Our mentor text this week was *If You Give A Mouse A Cookie*. Our focus was on using an apostrophe to make contractions. Next week, we will be using *Diary of a Worm* and will focus on making compound words. In EL we completed many focused read alouds from the book, *Off To Class: Incredible And Unusual Schools Around The World* (RI.1, RI.2). We learned about how tent schools were built in Port-au-Prince, Haiti after a devastating earthquake destroyed over 1400 schools. We also learned about how in the Chalanbeel Region, Bangladesh boat schools were built to help get kids to school after flooding from monsoons made it very difficult. We focused on the problem and how the communities solved these problems to write two informational paragraphs (W.2.2, W.2.8). We learned that there are four parts in our problem/solution informational paragraphs (focus statement, information about the problem, information about the solution, and a conclusion). In *Letterland*, we met "blue magic e" who helped make "Gentle Ginger" appear. Next week we will be learning about the three sounds of -ed to change words to past tense (RF.3).

In math, we are working to understand the structure of word problems so that we can write the "situation equation" that accurately represents the problem (OA.1). The class has been shown how to put the numbers in a math mountain to create a "solution equation" that may be easier to solve, but must be able to accurately represent the situation of the problem.

Cruising Cars Schedule

| Dates | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 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!!**
- ✓ **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:

- **Fall picture day** for track 1 will be on Wednesday, August 28th. It will be different from previous years in that packages do not have to be pre-purchased. Instead, all children will be photographed and each family will receive a proof picture to determine if they want to purchase a package. Please remember that 50% of the profits come directly back to the school!
- **McTeacher Night** will be this Thursday, August 29th. I will be there from 4:30-6:00 and will be hoping to see some friendly faces!
- The **Fun Run** is back again this year! Like last year, the PTA is sponsoring the run rather than the Boosterton, 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.

