

**Jones Dairy
Elementary**

Cruising Cars Courier

Track 1, Second Grade

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In Second Grade We Are Learning!

I can't believe that track out is nearly upon us already. We will be tracking out of our classroom this quarter, and will be in another room when we return.

Our mentor text this week will be *Diary of a Worm*. Our focus will be sorting words that use apostrophes to identify if they have apostrophes because they are contractions or possessives. We will shift our focus to non-fiction text for the last two weeks of the quarter. We will be focusing on the different types of questions that we ask before, during, and after reading with non-fiction text (RI.1) and how these compare to questions we ask about fiction. We will also be focusing on the diagrams, captions, and photographs used in non-fiction books and how they can help to deepen our understanding of the information presented (RI.2.7). In Letterland, we will focus on words with *-tch* and how Talking Tess comes into some words, silently, to help remind Clever Cat to sneeze into her arm when making the */ch/* sound. We will also review how Clever Cat and Kicking King like to be together at the end of words, but in second grade students will learn that they also like to be together at the end of syllables (RF.3).

In writing, we are finishing up our final drafts of our ice cream writing. Students have done an excellent job incorporating similes into their writing to describe their ice cream in great detail.

In math, we are continuing to use addition and subtraction strategies to solve one- and two- step story problems involving situations of adding to (change plus), taking from (change minus), putting together/taking apart (collection), and comparing with unknowns in all positions (OA.1). This standard really requires for students to analyze the situation that is provided in the problem in order to write a situation equation that matches the problem given with the unknown being shown as a blank. I am expecting students to complete five steps when solving these word problems to best help them focus on the situation in the problem and what is being solved for. Please visit the "Math Tips" section of our classroom website for additional tips as well as the links sent in this email with the WCPSS Math at a Glance documents.

Checking Out Early & Arriving Early

I wanted to put out a quick note about our schedule to remind everyone that reading and science/social studies are during the last part of the afternoon. I know that last year, students had recess and then specials at the end of the day, so if appointments or extra-curricular activities began a little early, students weren't missing as much direct instruction. However, this year, I have noticed that students have been checking out early and missing reading and science or social studies, both of which can be difficult to make up. I know, occasionally, things will come up that will necessitate an early check out, but when it can be avoided, it would be helpful to schedule appointments later or during track out.

Additionally, I want to encourage you to try to get your child to school as early as possible. I have tried to keep morning work to a minimum, because I want students to have time to take AR tests and be able to work on unfinished assignments.

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:

- There will be **no school** on Monday, September 3rd in observance of **Labor Day**.
- Track 1 & 3 will be having our **Picture Day** on Wednesday, September 5th. All students will be photographed for the yearbook. Remember that in the fall, students are photographed for the yearbook, but you must pre-pay to purchase your child's photo.
- **Field Trip** paperwork has gone home and I have received most people's payment and forms already. If you have not already sent your child's back, please be sure to complete 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.
- Several people have also already paid for **Scholastic News** online using the I provided in the email (link can also be found on our classroom website). If you have not yet paid for **Scholastic News**, please do so ASAP.