



2nd Grade “Matters”

Week of Feb 8-Feb 12

Br-r-r-r-r-r! Who asked for this? I pray you are all safe and warm. I was commenting to friends the other day that it has been the most challenging year of teaching. It has had so many ups and downs. But, I must say that it has at least been with one of the best groups of students I have had. At my age, I am pretty hard to please too so that is really saying something. They are overall good workers most of the time and do really try to please me. I am so fortunate to have such a great group for my final year. Of course we have our ups and downs sometimes too. Please keep encouraging them. We are making progress. Midterms got held up last week and will come home this week. Since we are having in person school, there is a mix of Canvas and paper-and-pencil work. Canvas is used a lot for learning and practicing the skills, but I still prefer old-fashioned paper and pencil work to grade. Many struggle with the online and I don't want that to affect their final grade.

Speaking of online work, don't forget about our eLearning Day on Wednesday, February 10th. Students must have all work completed by 3 regular school days after eLearning Day. That would put the due date at Tuesday, February 16 since we have No School on Monday. Also, no Valentines this year. Treats will be provided by our cafeteria and PTO on Friday. We will celebrate with some Valentine Games with prizes as well.

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Weekly Dates

Arrival 7:30-7:55

Monday	Music	1:25-2:15	Tincher
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Tuesday	PE	1:25-2:15	White
Wednesday	Computer/Soc. St.	1:25-2:15	Grove
Thursday	Library *	1:25-2:15	Batchelor
Friday	Art	1:25-2:15	Kirby

Recess/Lunch 11:35-12:25

Dismissal 2:20-2:30

Recess 11:35-12:00 Lunch 12:00-12:25

[Announcements](#)

Please check that your child is completing their homework. I give daily points for completed assignments.

Check folders each day for school announcements and information.

Check to see if masks are clean. They need to be cleaned daily

Reading 20 minutes each day will make your child a better reader and in turn a better learner.

Earbuds or headphones are used daily. Ask your child if theirs are still working.

Check with your child to see if gym shoes are still functional. We are going to the gym again. Some feet are growing since the beginning of the school year.

Chromebooks need to be ready for class each day. Please be sure they are charged each evening.

Cases are required with the Chromebooks.

[Weekly Learning](#)

Reading

Unit 4 has officially started now and we will be reading another biography that addresses Text Features. The title is [Building on Nature: The Life of Antoni Gaudi](#). We have started working on the Text Structures of Description, Compare/Contrast, Problem/Solution, Cause/Effect and

Sequencing. We will study them another week. Text structures are the ways writers use to organize their information. It is a lot to process and the kids confuse them at first. Text Features on the other hand are things that are used in a text to help the reader understand the text better. These include things like pictures, captions, glossary, index, table of contents, bold words, maps, headings, subheadings, etc. We address them more when we finish the focus on Text Structures.

Homework

Math and/or Reading will be sent home Monday through Thursday to reinforce classroom learning.

Vocabulary Words/Challenge Words

observes architect monuments creations arches

List Words (Open Syllables V/CV)

hu/man ba/con tu/lip bo/nus cu/bic me/ter
cra/ter si/lent la/zy di/ner

High Frequency Words song being talk

Sentence of the Week We were silent as we ate the bacon at the diner.

Grammar (English) and Writing

The English/Grammar/Writing skill this week is using adjectives to compare. In writing, we are beginning to learn some cursive letters and will continue as time allows.

Math

We have begun to learn Data Analysis skills in Chapter 9 (Charts, Graphs, Tables, etc.)

Practice Math Facts when possible. Students still do not know their basic subtraction facts. There is a program called Xtra Math that the kids can use to practice their facts at home on their laptops. It tracks the ones they know and don't know..

Science/Health/Social Studies

Social Studies continues for one more week. We will look at more geography and map skills.

Helpful Hints

Have an area for your child to do his/her homework. Please do not work at the kitchen table if there is food or drink present.

Have a designated area for your child to put his/her backpack each day.

Always remember to make sure your child's Chromebook is charged and it is in its case.

