

# Second Grade News

## February 2019

### Reading & Writing:

We are reading bigger books to amp up our reading power. We are paying attention to fluency by reading with voice, expression, and scooping up words into phrases. We have been reading to our partners to practice reading at a “just-right” pace. We learned that reading fluently helps us with comprehension. In our book baggie, we have on level books, as well as “on-deck” books, which challenge us to read one level above our current reading level.

In our writing unit, we are writing about reading. We are writing letters to our class and friends to share opinions and ideas about characters in our books. We learned that to make our letters about books better, we can retell important parts of the story as well as develop new opinions by looking at pictures.

### Math:

We are ending Topic 8 on the value of coins and bills. We will continue counting up, adding and subtracting values and solving problems with money. We will begin Topic 9-place value and counting by 100s. We will be using place value blocks to write three digit numbers. Students will be able to read and write three digit numbers. Students will be able to compare numbers on a number line.

### Harmony Time:

Each week, we are learning how to be kind, and respect our school community. We are learning how our words and actions affect others. This month, we will work with our partners to learn about differences & similarities and working through our problems.

### Social Studies:

In Social Studies, we are learning about urban, suburban, and rural communities in New York State. We will be studying how people adapt and change the environment in their community. Then we will be creating our own community map using everything we learned about geography, maps, and communities.

### Dates to Remember:

- Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> School Closed for Lunar New Year
- February 8<sup>th</sup> PTA Bake Sale
- February 15<sup>th</sup>: Enrichment Cluster Celebration
- February 18- 22 Midwinter Break
- February 27<sup>th</sup> –Queens Museum!