

Dolphin Pod Post

Dr. Charles R. Drew Elementary School

Upcoming Dates

- 9/14 Early Release Day (1:20 pm)
- 9/19-9/23 Spirit Week
- 9/21- Back to School Night (7:00-8:30 pm)
- 9/26- No school
- 9/30 Early Release Day (1:20 pm)
- 10/3 School Pictures
- 10/5 - No School- PTSA Meeting (7:00 pm)

Updates/Reminders

- Students should bring a healthy snack everyday
- Students should bring a labeled full water bottle every day.
- Breakfast is free for all students; lunch will be provided at a charge of \$2.55 or free/reduced price

English Language Arts

This year, our 2nd grade students will build literacy and language skills by participating in ten cross-disciplinary units of study in our Benchmark Curriculum. Each three-week unit will focus on one topic, and the topics will range from economics to earth science, history and culture to themes in literature, and much more. In Unit 1 students will read poems, stories, plays, and informational articles. They will strengthen their reading and writing skills and strategies while learning about the role the government plays in our lives. Your child will be learning about laws—what they are, why they matter, and what happens when we break them. The selections include a variety of genres, such as poetry, historical fiction, and an interview.

Math

In Module 2 our math class will explore measurement as students learn to solve addition and subtraction word problems involving length. We will learn about using the ruler as a number line and drawing tape diagrams to compare lengths. The problems progress from concrete (i.e., measuring objects and using the ruler as a number line to add and subtract) to abstract (e.g., representing lengths with tape diagrams to solve start unknown and two-step problems). In Module 3, students will work with place value units of ones, tens, and hundreds. We will learn how to form a unit, or bundle, of ten, of a hundred, and of a thousand. As students count to 1,000, they will learn to skip-count efficiently by reaching a benchmark number—a ten or a hundred. Please click link for Eureka Tip Sheets for [Module 1](#) and [Module 2](#).

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Science & Social Studies

In Science, we are focusing on investigating matter and its properties. Students begin by investigating the three states of matter (solid, liquid, and gas). They then move into an investigation of properties of matter (color, size, texture). Students will then engage in an engineering design challenge to construct a playground structure that can withstand heavy use and heavy rain that causes the playground to flood.

In Social Studies, we are focusing on how rules and laws are made and necessary to maintain order and protect citizens. Students will be able to identify the rights and responsibilities of being a participating member of the school and the community.



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