

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Newsletter for September and the beginning of October...

## Literacy, Language, and Vocabulary

- Answer the 5 W questions: Who, What, Where, When, and Why for the Beginning, Middle, and End of a story.
- Identify the story structure: Characters, Setting, Problem, and Solution.
- Compare and contrast versions of the same story.
- Identify character's point of view in a Junior Great Book story.
- Predict the meanings of compound words.
- Use context clues to help understand the text.
- Make connections between words and their use.

## Writing

- Orally recount and share a personal story.
- Sketch ideas for a personal narrative.
- Use order words (First, next, then, After that) to help organize a personal narrative.
- Use adjectives to elaborate your personal narrative.
- Expand and rearrange sentences.
- Sight words practice/spelling patterns.
- Use adverbs to expand/combine sentences.

## Math

- Identify and extend number patterns.
- Identify place value (What is each digit worth?).
- Counting: 10's and 100's (within 1,000).
- Use mental strategies to add sums up to 20.
- Reading and writing numbers in different ways.
- Compare 3-digit numbers using  $>$ ,  $<$ , and  $=$ .
- Solving addition and subtraction 100 more or 100 less using mental strategies.

## Social Studies and Science

### Social Studies:

- Determine a Class Mission Statement.
- Identify roles and responsibilities of students, teachers, parents, and the class.
- Identify the skills needed for cooperative groups.
- Determine the process for conflict resolution (Class Meetings).
- Examine emotions and responses to social situations.
- Identify water pollution as a community concern.

### Science:

- Identify the properties of rocks and soil.
- Identify the properties of water.
- Describe the Earth's surface and atmosphere.

To learn more about the curriculum:

[www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/2.0/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/2.0/)

## IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Thursday, September 8th:** Back to School Night is at 7:00 pm
- **Monday, September 12th:** No School for students.
- **Friday, September 30th:** Early Release Day for all students.
- **Monday, October 3rd:** No School for students and teachers.

- **Tuesday, October 4th:** Interim Progress Reports will be distributed for select students.
- **Monday, October 10th:** Open House
- **Wednesday, October 12th:** No school for students and teachers.