



2nd Grade Scoop

October 2019

Reading



Learning about Print

Essential Questions:

What does a reader do when they encounter difficulty?
What are ways readers monitor themselves?

Enduring Understandings:

Understand that all visual reading work is done in order to understand the text, and a reader is more adept at solving an unknown word if meaning is in place. Understand that fluency and comprehension work to support each other

Characters

Essential Questions:

How do readers use their own experiences to understand what they are reading? How do readers get ideas about characters?

Enduring Understandings:

Understand that it is the reader's responsibility to fill in what the text does not provide. Understand that characters are the heart of fiction and that interpreting their journey allows the reader to analyze texts and life.

Math

Unit 1: Addition strategies

Unit 2: Building Base 10 concepts

Essential Questions:

In addition, how does the order of the numbers affect the outcome? How can a number or expression be represented in multiple ways while keeping its value? How are addition and subtraction related?

Enduring Understandings:

Flexible methods of computation involve taking apart and combining numbers. For a given set of numbers there are relationships that are always true, and there are rules that govern arithmetic and algebra.

Word Study

Word Study Skills:

Word study activities and patterns weekly differentiated for the needs of the students.

Writing



Personal Narratives

Essential Question:

How do writers get ideas for personal narratives? How do writers plan for a personal narrative? How do writers elaborate while keeping the piece focused?

Enduring Understanding:

Understand that significant moments in their life illustrate larger life lessons and ideas. Understand that stories are written with a beginning, middle, and end.

Science

Unit 1: Monarch, Milkweed, & Mexico

Essential Questions:

How do organisms change as they grow and develop through their life cycles?
In what ways can organisms respond to weather and seasonal changes?

Social Studies

Unit 1: Civics and Student Rights and Responsibilities

Essential Questions:

What are different ways we solve problems that happen in our classroom?

Enduring Understanding:

People respond to and resolve conflicts in many different ways.

Other

Important Dates:

Oct 10 PTA meeting 7pm

October 14: Columbus Day Holiday for students

October 24: Family Math Night

October 7th, 8th, 9th: CogAt Test for all 2nd Grade students



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We're going to have a terrific year!



Keep track of your reading each night on your reading log and talk about the stories you read. Do you have a connection? **Each night homework is Read 10 minutes and write a sentence about what you read.**

Also, please check the Homework Journal each day. 😊

Positivity Project Post:

Check this spot each month for an update on our "Positivity Project". We'll be posting our monthly focus and showing our positivity in action! Stay tuned!

October Focus and Character Strengths:

Open Mindedness, Integrity, Perspective Creativity
Being present & giving others my attention



Dreambox App Update:

Sangster is excited to continue using Dreambox Learning to support our math skills. Fairfax County is using Clever which is an account management and sign on system. Each student created a unique password this year. With the use of Clever, the password will be the same to open all of the software that we use here at Sangster. You can reach Dreambox by going to our Sangster homepage and then [Links for Students](#). If you were using the Dreambox App you will need to download the Clever App first!

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