



Happy Fall Second Grade Families!

Dear Second Grade Families,

We are off to a great start in 2nd grade! Our Second Grade Superstars have been working diligently in their classes to adopt a growth mindset and working hard to show STARS behavior in the hallways, during transitions to electives and during specials. We are so proud of their AH-mazing effort!

Upcoming Dates:

September 27 - Radical Reader Celebration
12:45-1:15 p.m. in the Media Center

September 30 – Teacher Workday - No School

October 9 – Teacher Workday – No School

October 11 – Walk to School Day

October 17 – Fall pictures #sayCheese

October 22 – One Hunter Community Dinner

October 29 – PTA Skate Night 5:30 p.m.

Friday November 1 – Teacher Workday – No School (Weather make-up Day)

CURRICULUM UPDATES:

EL Update: Big Ideas and Guiding Questions for Unit 2 – Module 1

- **Why is it hard for some children to go to school in their communities?**
- *Things like weather and location can make it difficult for children to go to school.*
- **How do communities solve these problems so their children can go to school?**
- *Communities think of solutions to make sure students have a place to go to school.*
- **How are schools around the world different? How are they similar?**
- *Schools around the world may be different or they may be similar, but they are all designed for learning.*

Math Update:

Our learning this quarter in math includes engaging students in number talks to strengthen their mental math and flexibility with numbers as well as applying math strategies such as: Make a 10, Doubles, Doubles plus/minus 1, Counting on, Number line and coming soon the 100 board strategy. If you would like to learn more about these strategies, the following videos will be helpful!

Counting On: <https://bit.ly/2mGQCXd>

Make a Ten: <https://bit.ly/2laR2EC>

Hundreds Board: <https://bit.ly/2kE3KM5>

Doubles: <https://bit.ly/2kYRLZO>



CURRICULUM UPDATES:

Science Update:

Our first Quarter unit in Science is Force and Motion –

Essential Understanding: Students will understand that sound is produced by vibrating objects and parts of the body vibrate in order to produce (vocal cords) and receive (eardrum) sound.

Essential Question – What can affect the way we hear sounds?

Social Studies Update:

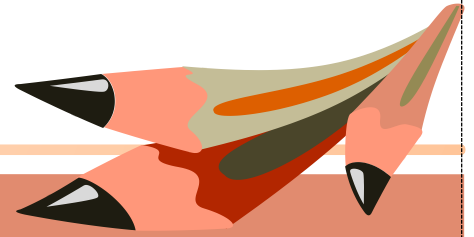
Essential Understanding- Students will understand the roles and responsibilities of citizens and government.

Essential Questions- What makes a good citizen? Why do we have government?

Vocabulary – Community helpers, laws, landmark, historic symbols, urban, suburban, rural

PBIS Update:

Our character trait for the month of September is Courage! One student from each classroom will be nominated for the Character Trait, Courage in September. In addition, one student will be nominated by their peers to receive the Golden T-shirt Award. This is a prestigious award given to a student that displays superior character both in and out of the classroom. In October, one student from each 2nd grade class will be nominated for the character trait Kindness. You will be notified in your child's Monday folder if your child is nominated. We are so proud of our Hunter STARS!!



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AIG Update

Has your child used the words “divergent thinker” or “brainstorming” at home? The gifted teachers have started their thinking skills lessons with the 2nd grade classes. The purpose of these lessons is to give all students the opportunity to experience the challenge of different thinking skills. These lessons require students to inquire and think critically, apply knowledge to new situations, and demonstrate creativity and flexibility. The 2nd grade teachers are able to observe their students' strengths within the various thinking skills. Here a few examples: Convergent thinking is thinking like a detective and using all the clues to find one right answer, divergent thinking is thinking like an inventor and brainstorming lots of correct responses, and visual/spatial perception is thinking like a magician, mentally manipulating shapes and looking for patterns to find a reasonable solution!

