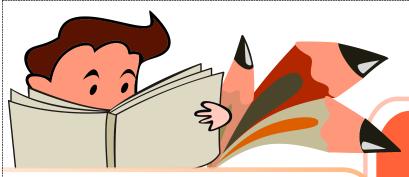
# 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Update October Highlights





Looking forward to seeing our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade families at our annual One Hunter Community Dinner on Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

Dear Second Grade Families,

We are so proud of our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade SUPER STARS!! They are working so hard to earn STAR tickets in the hallway during elective transitions. We are working our way to our next goal of 100 tickets. Keep up the STAR behavior, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Super Stars!

# **Upcoming Dates:**

**Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>** – One Hunter Community Dinner at 5:30 p.m

**Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Unity Day – Wear Orange

Friday, October 25 – Principal Chat Session

Tuesday, October 29 – PTA Skate Night

**Friday, November 1** – Teacher Workday – No school for students

**Friday, November 8** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Spelling Bee

**Monday, November 11** – Veterans Day Holiday- No School

Friday, November 15 – K-2 Hunter Olympics

#### **EL UPDATE:**

What's happening next in EL? In this next module, students build their literacy and science skills as they engage in a study of fossils. The Big Ideas and Guiding questions for this module are as follows:

- What do paleotologists do? Paleontologists are people who look
  for, unearth and study fossils.
- How do characters respond to major events? -Characters respond in different ways to major events and challenges in books.
- What can we learn from studying fossils? -Fossils can help us understand what plants and animals lived long ago and how the earth has changed.
- How do readers learn more about a topic from informational texts? Readers use different strategies to learn about a topic from informational text.
- How do authors write compelling narratives? -Writers use various writing techniques to tell compelling stories.

# CURRICULUM UPDATES FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER:

### **Math Update: Skip Counting**

This upcoming unit focuses on skip counting, which will be developed as students work within a variety of areas such as adding, telling time and working with arrays. Through our work with array models, students will use the repeated addition of the rows and columns as a more efficient way to count. Students will also practice skip counting as they tell time to the nearest five minutes. We will use number lines and 100s boards to support this learning.

#### **Science: Matter Properties and Change**

Understand properties of solids and liquids and the changes they undergo.

Give examples of matter that change from a solid to a liquid and vice versa by heating and cooling.

Compare the amount of water in a container before and after freezing.

Compare what happens to water left in an open container verses a closed container over time.

## **Social Studies Update:**

Students will understand that various sources provide information about the past.

#### **Essential Questions:**

What can we learn from the past from various sources?

How does understanding different perspectives deepen our understanding of history?



#### **Get your READ on Hunter STARS!**



READvolution is back! For the 3rd consecutive year, we will partner with the Carolina Hurricanes and WCPSS to bring READvolution to Hunter. This exciting partnership will support a community-wide literacy campaign around daily reading outside of school, plus allow students the chance to attend a Hurricanes game. This year the READvolution time frame will be between Monday, Sept. 30 and Friday, Dec. 6, 2019. Your child will be able to be part of this event by reading daily for 20 minutes! This year's challenge features both individual and school-wide components, as well as goals for each. Links for the Parent Welcome Letter and Login instructions can be found in the VMF. If you have any questions, please feel free to email Mrs. Fedich at kfedich@wcpss.net.

# **PBIS Update:**

We are so proud of our Kindness Character trait winners for the month of October. Our next PBIS breakfast will be held on Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> in the Media Center at 9:15 a.m. You will receive an invitation in your child's Monday Folder when they are nominated. We can't wait to celebrate our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Character winners: