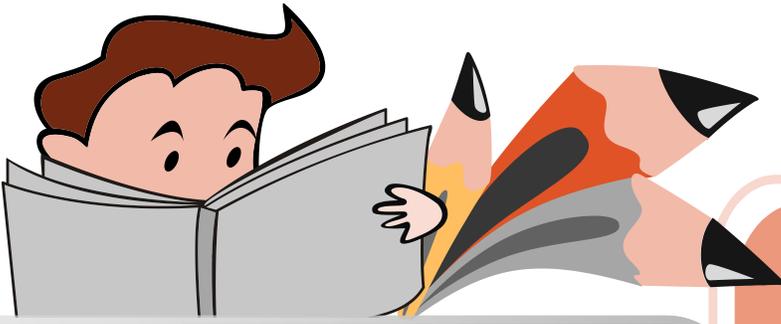


## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Update November Curriculum News



**We are looking forward to greeting families at Curriculum Night on Thursday, November 21st!**

Dear Second Grade Families,

We are so proud of our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. They continue to inspire us and amaze us with their curiosity. We are learning and growing each and every day in the classroom. We are looking forward celebrating your kiddos at our **Student Led Conferences on Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>!**

### **Upcoming Dates:**

**November 13<sup>th</sup>** – World Kindness Day

**November 15<sup>th</sup>** – Hunter Olympics – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade at 1:00 p.m – Come and cheer us on!

**November 21<sup>st</sup>** – Parent Education Night – the fun starts at **5:30p.m**

**November 18<sup>th</sup> -22nd** – Book Fair

**November 27-29<sup>th</sup>** – Thanksgiving Break – No School

**December 11<sup>th</sup>** – Band Concert

**December 12<sup>th</sup>** – Chorus and Dance performance

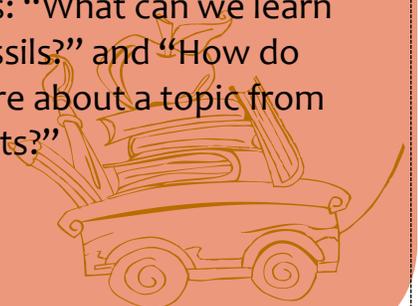
**December 17<sup>th</sup>** - Orchestra

### **E.L. UPDATE**

2<sup>nd</sup> graders build their literacy and science skills as they engage in a study of fossils. We started this module with a close read-aloud of *Stone Girl, Bone Girl* by Laurence Anholt. The Unit 1 guiding questions are: *What do paleontologists do?* and *How do characters respond to major events?* Students learn about Mary Anning and her role as a fossil hunter. Our focus for this text is how Mary Anning responds to major events and challenges, and the overall structures of narratives through structured retells.

In Unit 1, students are introduced to the skills of answering selected response questions (multiple choice). Students also begin to learn about what fossils are the work that paleontologists do.

In Unit 2, students make a pivot to informational texts and engage more deeply in the study of fossils. Our learning is centered around the Unit 2 guiding questions: “What can we learn from studying fossils?” and “How do readers learn more about a topic from informational texts?”



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

### Science Update:

Matter Properties and Change Essential Understandings:

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:

Essential Understanding – 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?

### PBIS Update:

We are so proud of our Character Trait Winners in 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade! We can't wait to celebrate our Good Judgment winners and our Golden T-shirt winner on **Tuesday, November 26th**. Character trait winners will have an invitation in their Monday Folders the week of **November 18<sup>th</sup>**.



### Math Update:

The next 2 units for our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders are pretty FUN! Skip Counting and Place Value!

**Skip Counting** – Students work within a variety of mathematical areas during this unit such as adding, telling time and working with arrays! During our work with array models, students use the repeated addition of the row and columns as a more efficient way to count. Counting the items in an array is a form of skip counting. Students also practice skip counting as they tell time to the nearest five minutes. Tools such as number lines and hundreds charts will be used to support students.

**Place Value** – This unit focuses on building an understanding of place value through the hundreds place and using this knowledge to read, write and compare numbers. Students work to understand that the three digits of a three-digit number represent amounts of hundreds, tens and ones. Students need lots of practice and work with these skills so they can flexibly compose and decompose numbers to 1,000!

