



### **Happy Birthday, Martin Luther King Jr.**

Dear Second Grade Families,

We are off to a **STRONG** start in 2020! Hoping everyone enjoyed the 3-day weekend! Happy Birthday, Dr. King! We are looking forward to starting our 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter electives on Tuesday and finishing up our Fossils unit in E.L!  
#2ndGradeRocks #HunterStars

### **Upcoming Dates:**

**Friday, January 24** – School Wide Spelling Bee  
9:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, January 29** – Teacher Workday and SAS STEM Program (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grades) See VMF for details about signing up for this program.

**Friday, January 31** – PBIS Breakfast for Perseverance Winners

**Friday, February 7** - PTA Book Exchange

**Thursday, February 13** – Skate Night

**February 17-18** – Teacher Workdays, No School

### **EL UPDATE:**

#### **The Secret World of Pollination**

We are wrapping up the Fossils unit with a writing task in which students write a narrative from the point of view of a paleontologist about the exciting moment they discovered a fossil. We can't wait to share our work with you!

Looking ahead... Our next unit of study in EL takes us to the exciting world of Pollination. In this unit, students build their research skills and science knowledge through a study of the secret world of plants and pollinators. In Unit 1, students navigate informational text features, co-create Plant, Seed, Fruit, and Flower Frayer Model anchor charts, create scientific drawings and participate in a Science Talk, all focused on learning how plants grow and survive.

In Unit 2, students zoom in on a study of the role of insect pollinators in helping plants grow and survive. Using the text, "*What is Pollination?*" students continue to strengthen their research skills as they conduct whole group and small group research on insect pollinators. Students then use their research notes to write an informative piece about a specific insect pollinator and its role in the pollination process.

In Unit 3, students extend and apply their understanding of pollination and pollinators through the creation of their performance task, an oral presentation and poster to share their knowledge about specific plants and pollinators! More information to come!



## CURRICULUM UPDATES:

### Science Update:

Students are enjoying our Matter unit and are looking forward to our Air/Weather Unit during 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter. After completing this unit students will understand: Air is a substance that surrounds us, takes up space, and has mass. Energy from the sun warms the land, air, and water. Weather conditions can be observed and measured with weather tools. We are in the process of solidifying a date with our ABC 11 and Meteorologist, Brittany Bell to present to our second graders in March. 2<sup>nd</sup> graders love to learn about weather!  
#WeatherWatchers

### Social Studies Update:

Consumers, Producers, Spending, Saving, Budgeting and Income... just a few of the concepts we will cover in our upcoming Economics Unit. We are looking forward to welcoming Guest speaker(s) from Junior Achievement in late February. The Junior Achievement organization prepares volunteers from the community to present Economic basics to students including wants and needs, income, budgets and entrepreneurship! The kiddos really enjoyed this day-long event last year and learned so much through games, text and visuals!

### PBIS Update:

Our character trait for the month of January is Perseverance. Perseverance is not giving up. It is persistence and tenacity, the effort required to do something and keep doing it until the end, even if it is hard.

We can't wait to celebrate our Character Trait Winners for Perseverance on **Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at our monthly PBIS breakfast.** Invitations for the breakfast will be in the Monday folder.  
#Charactercounts #PBIS



### Math Update:

We are looking forward to our unit with Addition and Subtraction. Throughout the course of this unit, students will be exposed to a variety of place value strategies including: proof drawings (picture form) also known as quick tens and ones, number lines, expanded form, and show all totals. Students are expected to fluently add/subtract within 1000 using these strategies. We continually review and reinforce the relationship between addition and subtraction to strengthen their understanding. We appreciate your continued support at home to strengthen their understanding.

### Lucille Hunter Foundation Update

Tickets are going fast for the Lucille Hunter Foundation's 3rd annual fundraiser to raise money to support Hunter teachers and staff! Tickets are available for the **Pasta with a Purpose Dinner & Silent Auction on Thursday, Feb. 6, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at The Stockroom at 230** in downtown Raleigh. We'll have an Italian meal from Gravy, a DJ and a lively silent auction. Tickets cost \$60 each. Find ticket forms [here](#).

We are also still looking for silent auction items. Please let us know if you have something to share! Restaurant and store gift cards, personal training, music or sports lessons, handyman services, theater, sports or movie tickets and summer camps all make great silent auction items! [Please let us know](#) if you have items to share.

