



# SECOND GRADE

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Here is what we are doing in second grade..☺

## Language Arts:

This week, we worked on predicting while reading a fictional text. Students are able to predict what a story will be about before reading. Students can read the title and look at the pictures to make predictions. This week was more of a challenge because we read half of the story and made a prediction about what we thought would happen in the second half. Next, we had to show where in the story our predictions were correct or what actually happened in the story instead. We will continue to work on this skill through out the year. One way you could work on this skill with your child is to stop reading a book or watching a movie half way through and make predictions about what will happen. After you are finished, ask how your child can "prove" his/her prediction or "revise" it by telling what happened instead. Next week, we will work on elements of a narrative/fictional text.

## Word Study:

We are working on compound words this week. Next week, we will work on contractions.

## Math:

This week we are working on adding several addends. We are working on strategies to help us (making ten, doubles, doubles plus one, etc.)

## Grammar:

This week we are learning about commas in a letter. We will spend another week on commas in a letter.

## Social Studies:

We have started our unit 2 in Social Studies. We are learning about important community leaders and which ones help us make laws.

## Important dates:

**Monday, December 7-** 2 Hour Early Dismissal

**Wednesday, December 23-** Polar Express Day (wear your pajamas to school☺)



**Thursday, December 24-**  
**Friday, January 1-** No School for Winter Break

## Building relationships☺:

As part of the character counts program here at MPS, members of the second grade class will be rotating through the Challenges classroom (our special program for children with communication disabilities) for a short period to read with and model social skills on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays.



**We will be writing to our pen pals before winter break. Donations of stamps would be greatly appreciated☺!!!!!!**

**Our emails:** *(Please note you must spell the name correctly or the email will not go through)*

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### Thank you:

- Thank you to the children for working so hard everyday.
- Thank you for sharing your children with us.

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## Next Week's Highlights

December 7-11

Students will work on:

**Reading:** story elements in a fictional text

**Math:** addition sentences with regrouping

**Social Studies:** laws

**Grammar:** commas in a letter

**Word Study:** contractions

## Holidays around the world:



As part of our Unit 2 Social Studies curriculum, we learn about holidays around the world. "Our travels" will happen on Monday and Tuesday, December 21 and 22. Any parents who would like to volunteer to share about a holiday are welcome. Please contact your child's teacher by Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, if you are willing to present information about a holiday.

