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## 2<sup>th</sup> Grade News – November 2018

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### Reading, Writing and Spelling

Second Graders enjoy reading from their Open Court Anthologies. We will continue to work on vocabulary and reading skills. In addition to this, we're reading chapter books in our free reading time. We will also continue to write poetry and stories while using complete sentences in paragraph form.



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### Science & Social Studies

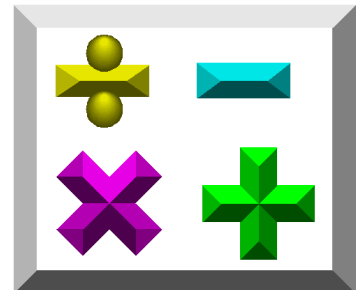
Native Americans and Pilgrims will be explored during November. Second graders will be able to distinguish between Pilgrims, Colonists and Immigrants. They'll write and share Thanksgiving stories together. Each child will memorize a Thanksgiving poem and present it to the class.



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### Math

Addition and subtraction stories are used as a vehicle for developing mental arithmetic skills. What is most important is that children devise their own solution strategies. These algorithms will be taught later in the year also. Second grade will review place value, use coins to buy things, make change, tell time and gather data. They will be arranging data in a sequential order and determining the middle or typical value for a data set.



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## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade News – November 2018

### 1st Grade News – Reading & Language Arts

First graders will continue to work on consonant blends, comprehension, compound words, contractions, recognizing details, main ideas,

similarities and differences. We're learning to organize our words alphabetically and use them to make complete sentences. The

students will also continue writing and reading poetry. Each child will memorize a Thanksgiving poem and present it to the class.



### Science & Social Studies

First grade will focus on the early settlers and the Indians. We will explore life in the colonies and how the pilgrims survived their trip on the Mayflower and the experiences that followed. When we celebrate Thanksgiving Day, the first graders will have a special remembrance. Science explores the forms of energy. (sound, light and thermal)



### Math

This month first grade will begin instruction in some of the most important aspects of mathematics – the discovery and description (with rules) of predictable regularities. The children will observe patterns in the classroom and then create simple visual patterns while focusing on the predictability of what comes next. This will be continued throughout the year

using their ability of detection and creating number patterns: odd and even; patterns in number lines; patterns in number grids; and patterns in number sequences. We will also be examining the data set children's heights in the classroom, discovering their measures are characterized more by variability than predictability.



### Spelling

Please remember to review spelling words DAILY. This is very important to their learning experiences.

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## Kindergarten News – November 2018

### November Unit “Finding Friends”

In this unit, students will use pictures, print, and people to gather information, similarities, and differences in literary elements in contemporary works. Each student will enjoy

regularly reading picture stories independently and in groups, then retelling and summarizing stories that they have read. An important goal of the unit is to have students begin to learn how

to create literary works themselves. Learning about finding friends through books is an exciting and valuable tool for Kindergarteners!!



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### Math

This month we will be measuring lengths. We will measure with both standard and non-standard units and make predictions and check them out. We will come to understand the necessity of standard units of measure. Please take advantage of day-to-day opportunities to

measure things with your child.

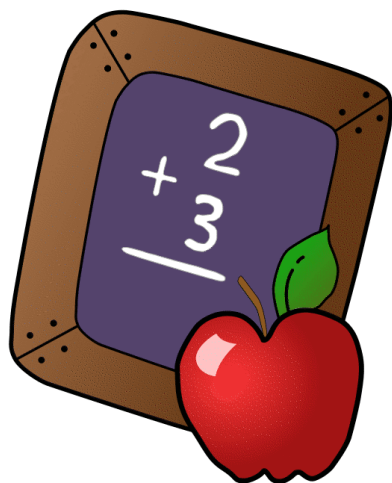
We will begin exploring time by moving quickly and slowly, using a stopwatch, using rhythms and beating out time, and drawing a time line.

We will begin skip counting – counting by

10's, 2's and 5's.

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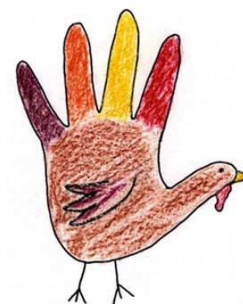
We will also enjoy many different card games that reinforce our mathematical concepts.



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**Kindergarteners will also learn more about the Pilgrims and their first Thanksgiving. They will memorize a Thanksgiving poem and present it to the class.**

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# Advance Pre-K News – November 2018 This Month our Focus is “Catch On”

## “PREPARING YOUR STUDENT TO READ”

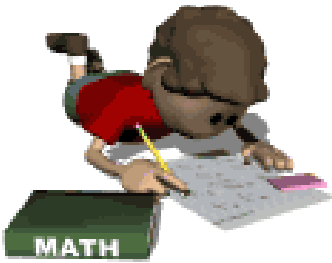


Pre-kers are “catching on” to learning to read! The benefits of using phonics instruction to teach building block skills like connecting sounds with letters, decoding, spelling and blending allows the students to “get off” to

the right start. Pre-k are practicing fluency exercises with multifaceted materials to strengthen their decoding skills. They are making solid progress.



## Math



Pre-k are continuing to work with addition problems as they master their essential skills. Key concepts introduced earlier provides more time to comprehend the more complex material. Operations, thinking skills

and problem solving are introduced through games and activities. Counting by 2 and 5 will be emphasized, so be on the lookout for items around the house that come in pairs (socks, shoes and gloves for

example) and count the pairs by twos. When counting by 5 pre-k count fingers, toes and nickels. This prepares them for understanding the concepts of tally marks and time

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