

The



Second Grade "Scoop"

Woodland Elementary

Dear Parents,

March will begin with a look back on the second trimester with the children's progress reports. They will come home with your child on March 17th. Please take time to celebrate your child's achievement and make goals for the final trimester of second grade. We are reminded daily of how much the children have grown socially, academically, and physically, and it is such a joy to be a part of their journey!

Have a fun, safe spring break, and enjoy the change of seasons!

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Dates to Remember

Eagle Celebration	3/3
Butter Braid Orders Due	3/8
PTA Meeting at Brooklyn Junior High	3/9
No School: Mark Reporting	3/12
Field Trip to Stages Theater	3/18
School Carnival!	3/19
Spring Break-No School	3/27-4/4

Language Arts

We will continue to work on our writing skills, incorporating the use of transition words, descriptive language, and rhythm.

We will also talk about the differences between fact and fiction, narrative elements, and multiple-meaning words. As we gear up for our MAP (NWEA) tests, we will also be talking about synonyms, antonyms, homophones, and homonyms.

School Carnival!

Woodland's School Carnival will be on Friday, March 19th from 5:30-8:30 PM. There will be a raffle, games, prizes, food, and other fun activities. Please try to make time to stop by with your families. This is a fun event for kids and adults. We hope to see you there!



Math

We will cover a variety of skills in math this month. We'll wrap up units 7 and 8, and begin unit 9. Learning objectives for the kids this month are:

- find the midpoint of a line segment
- describe shapes formed by drawing diagonals in a quadrilateral
- describe shapes formed by connecting the midpoints of opposite sides of a quadrilateral
- count quarters, dimes, nickels and pennies all together
- subtract 2 and 3-digit numbers with or without ungrouping

Spring Fever

As the weather starts to get warmer, please remember that the month of March is VERY unpredictable, and send snow gear every day with your child/children.

When the snow starts melting, the playground gets very wet, and snow pants and boots provide an extra layer of protection for the kids so they are not stuck in wet clothes for the afternoon. Thank you for your help!

Science

We are studying Balancing and Weighing in science this month. In the unit, the children will expand their understanding of the relationship between balance and weight as they explore activities in balancing, comparing, and weighing. Their experiences will introduce them to a variety of concepts and skills such as:

- balance is affected by the amount of weight, the position of the weight, and the position of the fulcrum
- the weight of an object is not determined by its size
- we will use an equal-arm balance to compare and weigh
- we will perform experiments with balance

"I'm Bored!"

If you hear these dreaded words come from your child's mouth over spring break, please remember that there are many fun activities for exploring and playing on the websites that are linked on our school website at Kid Sites to Browse and Learn.

Ideas outside the home are visits to the zoo, taking another trip to the Science Museum, Underwater World at the Mall of America, the Maple Grove Maze, or even just play dates with friends from school. Have a great break!

In March, we will cover the following in reading and language arts:

Theme 4, Week 4:

Story: Cool Ali

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Phonics: Inflections -es (f to v)

Vocabulary Words: admired, fussed, haze, mimicked, notice, pale

Theme 4, Week 5:

Story: The Emperor's Egg

Genre: Nonfiction: Informational Book

Phonics: suffixes -ing, -ly

Vocabulary Words: flippers, hatch, horizon, miserable, slippery, waddled

Theme 5, Week 1:

Story: The Pine Park Mystery

Genre: Play

Phonics: prefixes re-, pre-

Vocabulary Words: caused, clasp, confused, cornered, objects, removes, typical