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## 2nd Grade Team Newsletter

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### Important dates to remember:

November 5th- Chancellor's Day (no school for students)

November 11th- Veteran's Day No School

November 14th - Student Led Parent Teacher Conference

November 28th and 29th- Thanksgiving No School

## Curriculum Update



**Math:** We will be working on Unit 2: Place Value & Measurement. Students will learn how to identify, write, and compare place value in three digit numbers. We will also be focusing on measuring and comparing lengths of objects in inches, feet, and yards.

**Ask your child to measure something at home using different units, such as paper clips or pencils end to end.**

**Writing:** We are starting informational (nonfiction) writing this month. Students will begin by writing informational texts about topics they are experts in, and later will write texts based on research they have done in nonfiction books.

**Ask your child about something they are an expert in, and to share three important facts about the topic.**

**Reading:** We are also starting our nonfiction reading unit. We will focus on growing knowledge and paying attention to details and text features (headings, diagrams, bold words, captions, etc.) while reading nonfiction books. Students will learn how to tackle tricky vocabulary words in their nonfiction texts, and eventually work to grow knowledge on one topic across a set of multiple texts.

**Ask your child to teach you three important facts that they learned by reading a nonfiction book.**

**Science:** We will be continuing our science curriculum with Plant and Animal Relationships. Students will learn the connection between plants and animals and how living things in a habitat depend on each other.

**Foundations:** We will be reviewing the suffixes -s, -es, -ed and -ing. Students will learn that -ed might sound like /ed/ as in rented, /d/ as in banged, or /t/ as in fished. We will also introduce the new suffix endings of -er and -est and discuss the comparison endings long, longer, longest. Additionally, we will continue to review vowel teams, trick words, closed syllables and how to combine syllables to form multisyllabic words.