

Falcon Family News

Grade 2 ~ January 2019

READING

- ♣ In reading, readers will continue to notice, learn from, and question nonfiction texts.
- ♣ They'll learn and grow to become experts on various topics of their choice.
- ♣ Students will learn to read charts, diagrams, directions, and models.
- ♣ Students will learn to navigate nonfiction texts using text features (key words, table of contents)
- ♣ They will be comparing and contrasting within the text as well as across texts.

WRITING

- ♣ In January, we will continue our nonfiction writing unit. Students will get to choose a topic (soccer, ladybugs, etc) and write in ways that teach their readers about the topic.
- ♣ Students will continue to practice writing details across many pages.
- ♣ Students will learn from mentor nonfiction authors and try some craft moves in their own writing.

WORD WORK

- ♣ Students will be introduced to two syllable words with a long e sound using the vowel y.
- ♣ They will also be learning new suffixes -y, -ly, -ty.
- ♣ They will be reviewing r-controlled syllables.
- ♣ Students will continue to practice reading and spelling trick words.

MATHEMATICS

- ♣ This month, students will represent and solve problems involving addition and subtraction.
- ♣ They will solve one and two step word problems.
- ♣ Students will practice adding and subtracting within 20 using mental strategies.

SOCIAL STUDIES

- ♣ Students will compare and contrast physical maps and political maps by conducting a scavenger hunt to locate places and features on each map.
- ♣ Students will use map features to locate their borough, state, country, hemisphere, and continent on a map by using riddles.

SCIENCE/IMAGINARIUM

- ♣ We will be using our senses to explore seasonal changes in the weather.
- ♣ Students will be learning about how animals defend themselves against changes in weather.

THINGS YOU CAN DO

- ♣ At home, we can practice taking turns when speaking and listening.
- ♣ We can study our surroundings for nonfiction topics.
- ♣ We can read a variety of texts such as magazines and newspapers.

WELLNESS AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- ♣ We will be starting CookShop in our classrooms and learning all about eating a variety of colorful foods and drinking water. They will learn about the five food groups and the difference between plant foods and animals foods. We will learn to cook, eat and clean up together.

ARTS CONNECTION

- ♣ We will be elaborating in our nonfiction pieces by illustrating to build up our writing.
- ♣ We will be participating in a door decorating contest – theme: College