

# Mrs. Coronado's Second Grade Newsletter



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## Important Dates

Oct 3	Field Day (K-2: 12:45-2:20)
Oct 9	Conferences (3-7pm)
Oct 10	Conferences (11am-7pm) <b>NO SCHOOL</b> for students
Oct 25	Trunk or Treat at 6:00- 8:00pm
Oct 31	Halloween Celebrations at 1:30 (Holiday Party Schedule attached)

## Reading and Writing

We have had a great first full month of second grade. The students are establishing their routines and being very successful with their schoolwork.

In reading we are continuing to work on building stamina in their reading behaviors. This means they are able to read independently for at least 20 minutes. They are working on choosing "Good Fit" books for independent reading and checking for understanding as they read. As they are reading they are also learning to respond to the book in writing by giving their personal opinion and providing evidence from the text to support their opinions.

**\*\*Attached is the class schedule.**

## Halloween Party

We are celebrating Halloween on Thursday the 31<sup>st</sup>. The second graders should come to school in their costumes, but they should not wear a mask or face paint that obscures who they are. In addition, they should not bring swords or things of that sort. Parents are welcome to join the party, but are not allowed to wear costumes due to safety reasons.

We are providing a holiday party schedule that outlines what treats will be provided throughout the year for each holiday party (See attached schedule).

## Conferences

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at conferences. Make sure you signed up in the doorway by the office for conferences. The district has designated these two days for conferences. Please find a time that works with your schedule. I will be sending home a confirmation sheet on Monday.

### **Math**

The first unit in math was mainly review. Homework will now consistently be coming home nearly every night. I understand if the family has a busy evening (soccer practice, gymnastics, etc.) and it is not completed that night. However, the homework is an important component of the math program

Unit two focuses mainly on addition strategies and learning to use fact triangles to learn more difficult facts. Practicing their fact triangles will soon be weekly homework. I will send home a separate note explaining how to use these effectively with your child.

A few weeks ago, I sent home a stapled book that contains all the parent letters, home extensions and homework answers for the entire year. I hope you will find these helpful to refer to during the year. Thanks!

### **Science**

Next we will start a science unit that examines landforms and earth movements. We will research various landforms and bodies of water and do experiments that explore the many causes of earth movements (erosion, wind, etc.)

### **Home Reading Tips**

When your child is doing their daily reading homework they can do this many different ways. Here is a list of other options: Read to Self (independent reading), I Read, You Read, or buddy reading. All of these are practiced in the classroom and can be used to make reading enjoyable at home.

### **Homework**

Second grade homework is to read EVERY NIGHT, complete any math homework (always copied on green paper and due the next day) practice weekly spelling patterns (copied on yellow paper and the tests are normally on Fridays), and redo any work that is below standard quality (usually indicated by "Try again" at the top of the paper). **Homework should not be much more than a half hour each night.** Please plan ahead to make time in your schedule. Kids are busy people who need to learn to balance schoolwork requirements with other activities. Thank you very much for your help! It will make a big difference in your child's progress this year.

**\*Attached is the grading scale for second grade.**