



## November News from Mr. Howell

Hello Parents!

Another month has arrived and your child is already one third of the way through 2nd grade. This time of the school year always seems to move quickly with the holidays on the calendar. We will look to make the most of our classroom days this month, continuing to progress through various topics of study.

Here is a brief overview of the things we will be discussing and exploring this month:

- **Reading:** We will begin the month finishing up our study on looking at the characters in our stories. Afterward, we will take some time to look at nonfiction text in the form of biographies. This unit will tie into our Social Studies unit on Timelines and “Long Ago & Today.” If time allows, we’ll close the month by launching our unit of narrative story structure.
- **Math:** This month we will work on addition and subtraction strategies for numbers within 100. As a part of this unit of study, students will also learn to interpret and write multi-step story problems.
- **Social Studies:** The month will begin with our unit on “Long ago and today,” which explores timelines and how things we use every day have changes over time. Afterward, we will complete a unit on “Location” through which we will use and create maps.
- **Writing:** We will publish our first full small moment narrative this month. It’s been a big long process, but we’ve been applying new writing skills throughout the unit. Once published, we’ll apply all the new narrative writing strategies into “Ouch” stories to tell about a time we got hurt. Also, with the Thanksgiving holiday on the calendar, we will complete a short “Thankfulness” writing project.
- **Word Study:** This month we will study nouns, verbs, adjective and adverbs. Within that study we will learn about collective nouns, irregular plural nouns, reflexive pronouns, and irregular past tense

verbs. At the end of the month, we will work with various vowel teams to support spelling of long vowel sounds.

### **Other Important Dates and Details:**

- **Daylight Savings Time Ends** - Sunday, November 5th
- **No School/Veterans Day Observed** - Friday, November 10th
- **Eagle Pride Spirit Day** - Tuesday, November 21st
- **Thanksgiving Break - No School** - Wednesday, November 22nd - 24th.

Until next month...

~Mr. Howell