



SECOND GRADE WEEKLY PLANS

SEPTEMBER 26, 2016

Virtues: Respect and Responsibility

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Aloud: Sign of the Beaver by E. G. Speare

Dear Parents,

Thank you all for giving up an evening at home to attend our Back-to-School event. It was a pleasure to have the opportunity to tell you more about your child's second grade experience. Here is a brief rundown on some of the plans for this week.

History: On Friday at 9:00, Joe Doherty, the Director of Studies at The Cardigan Mountain School, will be bringing Kaicheng "Charles" Sun from Beijing and Baiyi "Tiger" Wu from Shenzhen, both of whom are 9th graders, to visit our class. If you are sending in food items, we can plan to have those with our noontime meal. The new topics this week are the Qin Dynasty, the Terracotta Warriors and Confucius. In an effort to connect our school-life Core Virtues program with the home-life conversations about character development for the second graders, I am sending an assignment which is in your child's homework folder. Please choose a quote that "speaks to you" as a family. We will be using it to create a bit of traditional art that has been adapted to be child friendly (ModPodge vs lacquer).

Language Art: We will finish reading, The Dragonling and begin Hurricanes by Lorraine Jean Hopping. This is in support of our unit on the water cycle and the reference to hurricanes in the "Water Cycle Song." On Thursday, we will read The Library by Sarah Stewart. It tells the life story of a girl with a love for books and for reading. If you would like to make a home connection, tell your child how you feel about books. Tell about books that you have loved. The literacy skill associated with this selection is "compare/contrast."

Math: As we progress through the first chapters, I will be introducing your children to model drawing. Attached you will find the models we use for addition and subtraction. I am also sending hard copies for your child to keep as a reference.

World Language: Spanish resumes this week; meanwhile, here is a note from Monsieur Quigley: For the past two weeks, the second-graders have been focusing on greetings and numbers. Through games and songs, they have learned how to say hello and goodbye, as well as being able to express how they're feeling. They have also been working on the numbers from 1-20. Not only have they been listening to and saying the numbers, they are also beginning to recognize them as they are written, an important introduction to the differences between French and English phonics!

Please note: As the cool weather returns, please send in jackets or sweaters. The system in Klee will be switched over to winter-mode next week so we may have some chilly mornings in the classroom until then. Thanks!

Be well,
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