



# The Second Grade Buzz

Weekly Newsletter

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## Highlights of the Week

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### **Religion:**

At Mass, Catholics profess their belief in the Communion of Saints. This term describes our unity with those holy people who have gone before us. St. Paul used the word "saint" to speak of all Christians. Later, the Church began to use the word in reference to Jesus' disciples after they died and for the early martyrs. Each saint is a model of holiness and can teach us ways to follow Christ. When we honor the saints, we praise God, whose presence was made known through these holy men and women by their loving actions. We, too, are called to be saints in our daily lives. Students wrote a brief report about a saint this week. On Thursday and Friday, second graders presented saint information to the class throughout the day. In other words, we listened to saint "commercials" during transition times!

**The second grade will be hosting the School Mass on Friday, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. Please join us if you are able!**

If your child has a reading for the Mass, a copy of it is in your child's folder. Please have him/her practice over the weekend. Thanks!

### **Math:**

Daily practice with addition and subtraction facts to 18 helps students with fluency and accuracy.

**Odd and even numbers** were explored this week. Multiple strategies were presented so students could gain a deeper understanding of this important concept. In the end, we determined that the digit in the ones place is the deciding factor

in whether a number is even or odd. The digits 0, 2, 4, 6, and 8 are even and 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9 are odd.

### **Reading:**

**Animals Building Homes** by Wendy Perkins was our anchor text. High-frequency and target **vocabulary words** were practiced as well as words containing **final consonant blends**. The vocabulary strategy was understanding and using the **prefixes re- and un-**, and the comprehension skill was **Text and Graphic Features** in informational texts.

### **English:**

**Plural nouns** were the focus this week. For most nouns we just add -s, but words that end in x, ch, sh, or s need -es added to make the plural form. We also worked with words where the plural form is a different word like **man-men** or **child-children**. Finally, students were introduced to **collective**

**nouns.** These are words that name a **group** like **class, team, flock** or **army!**

**Spelling:**

Unit 8 spelling test

**Handwriting:**

We just completed our review of all the manuscript or printed letters of the alphabet! This week, we practiced writing numerals. Next week, an introduction to cursive handwriting will begin!!!

**Science:**

States of matter is our current topic. Next week, we will investigate the properties of water in its three states: solid, liquid, and gas.

**Social Science:**

Did you know that the Statue of Liberty turned 132 on October 28<sup>th</sup>? Second graders learned a little bit about the history of this great national symbol of freedom. Just like the real statue, which was shipped across the ocean in pieces, second graders cut apart a picture of Lady Liberty and put her back together. We also enjoyed the book A Picnic in October by Eve Bunting.

**Lunchtime Read Aloud:**

Muggie Maggie by Beverly Cleary

**Student of the Week:**

Carlos Gamez was our S.O.T.W. Many thanks to all the fluent Spanish speaking second graders who helped translate questions and answers during his week. It was fun getting to know Carlos better! Muy bien Carlos!



**Art**

Calendar markers were made for November's calendar. Leaves are the theme for this month. Students chose from four different colors. As the days and weeks pass by, a color pattern will emerge. Then our calendar will look like fall!

Students also worked on their Humane Society posters.

**Fall Back**

Daylight Saving Time ends early Sunday morning, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>. Remember to set your clocks **back one hour** before you go to bed on Saturday night, and enjoy the extra hour!



**Halloween**

Mrs. Louie and the 8<sup>th</sup> graders, and parent volunteers did a wonderful job running the annual Halloween Carnival for the school on October 31<sup>st</sup>. We had a spook-tacular time!

Sorry if I missed taking a picture of your child. I was a crazy day!!!





