



# The Second Grade Buzz

Weekly Newsletter

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## Highlights of the Week

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### Religion:

**Unit 2: Trinity**, is all about recognizing three Divine Persons in one God. We can rely on and trust in **God the Father** because he loves and cares for us. **Jesus, the Son of God**, gives us the ultimate example of how we should love God and others. **The Holy Spirit** guides the Church and helps us to be holy.

We focused on **God the Father** being a loving parent who takes care of our needs. Jesus taught us to pray to God for whatever we need. We can trust that God always listens to our prayers.

### Math:

Basic addition and subtraction facts are being reviewed regularly to promote accuracy and fluency. A new unit of study began this

week: **Number and Operations in Base Ten**. The current lesson focuses on adding two 2-digit numbers. Second graders are learning a variety of strategies based on place value concepts to solve these larger addition problems. One method is to break the numbers into place values. Ask your child to define the terms **standard form** and **expanded form** give examples of each. (Hint: Standard form is when a number is written in digits, e.g. **54**. The expanded form of 54 is **50 + 4**)

### Reading:

**Super Storms** by Seymour **Simon** was completed this week. Students practiced target vocabulary words in context. They also worked with words

containing **consonant digraphs** (th, wh, sh, ch, tch, and ph). The comprehension skill was identifying **the main idea and details** of the anchor text and in supplemental books read in guided groups.

### English:

**Action verbs** were introduced. Students used their prior knowledge of subjects to help them identify verbs. Each time a sentence was read we asked, "What is the subject **doing**? Or What **did** the subject do?" We also spent writing **informational paragraphs** about animals. These paragraphs included **topic sentences, supporting details/facts, and conclusions**.

### Spelling:

Unit 10 spelling test

**Handwriting:** The manuscript letter **Rr** was practiced.

### Science:

Students explored mixtures of solids and liquids. Through this investigation, it was determined that some mixtures can be separated and some cannot.

### Social Science:

The lives of Pilgrim children were compared and contrasted to our own as we read about life in a Pilgrim village in the latest edition of the Scholastic News magazine.



### Lunchtime Read Aloud:

Ribsy by Beverly Cleary

### Education Day at U. of P.

Many thanks to Sandhya Chand, Bethany Lee, and Marielle Louie for helping the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders on Wednesday's field trip to the University of Portland! Students rotated through various stations focused on science, technology, and health during the morning. Then we watched most of the Portland Pilot's Women's basketball game against Warner Pacific till the early afternoon. It was great to take part in this first-ever community outreach event sponsored by U of P's athletic department.



### St. Vincent DePaul Food Drive

Thank you so much for your donations to this year's Food Drive! There are still a few more days to donate nonperishable food items.

As one of the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade's service projects, we will be carrying all the food in bags across the way to the SVdP Food Pantry on Thursday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>.