

# Welcome to 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Parent Night

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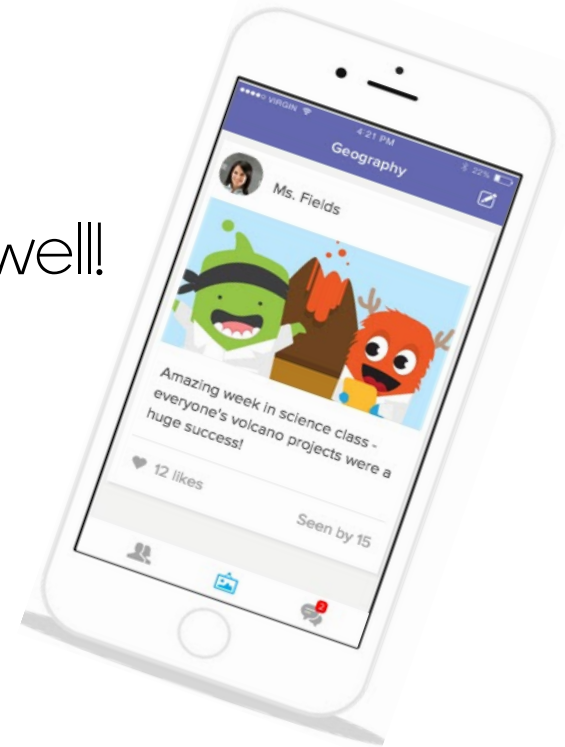
# Behavior Management – Class Dojo

- ▶ An online behavior management program
- ▶ Allows me to track students' behaviors (positive and negative) .
- ▶ Positive points are given for:
  - Being helpful
  - Teamwork
  - On-task
  - Participation
- ▶ Negative Points
  - Disrespect
  - Off-task
  - Calling out




# Class Story – an additional feature of Class Dojo

- ▶ Class photos showing our class in action!
- ▶ Students will “comment” on what they are working on and what they have learned.
- ▶ Parents have access to leave us comments and “like” our photos as well!



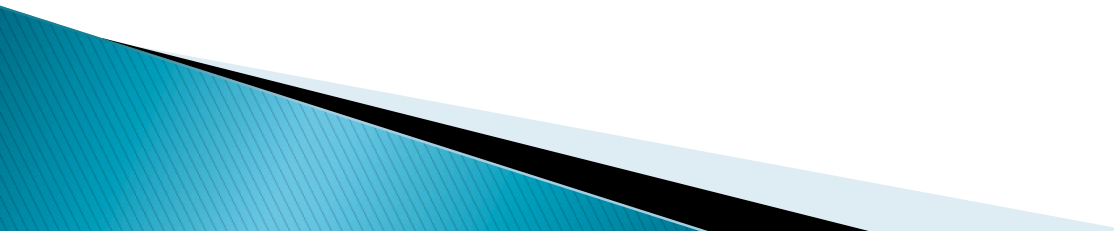
# A Typical Day in 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

- ▶ Reading
  - ▶ Literacy Stations
  - ▶ Guided Reading
  - ▶ Math (math workshop)
  - ▶ Writing
  - ▶ Science
  - ▶ Social Studies
  - ▶ Health
  - ▶ Specials (Art, Music, P.E., LRC, Spanish)
  - ▶ Technology
  - ▶ Second Step - a social emotional program
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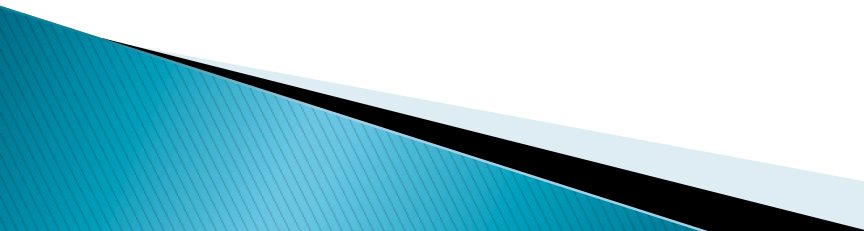
# Reading

- ▶ Story Town is the reading program used in 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade.
- ▶ Story town includes:
  - Reading
  - Vocabulary
  - Grammar
  - Phonics
  - Spelling
  - High Frequency Words
  - Writing

# Reading

- ▶ Read with fluency, expression and for comprehension
  - ▶ Weekly Readings
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade level books
    - Used to focus on specific skills (character, conflict, predicting etc.)
    - Paired texts (non-fiction / fiction)
  - ▶ Guided Reading
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# Guided Reading Groups

- ▶ Guided reading is done in a small group setting while other students are engaged in their literacy station.
  - ▶ Students will:
    - Read books at their individual reading level
    - Learn multiple reading strategies
    - Practice their fluency
    - Develop vocabulary
    - Build comprehension
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# Literacy Stations

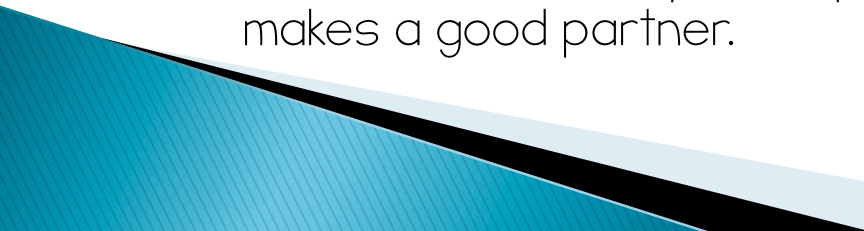
- ▶ Working cooperatively or independently practicing and reviewing literacy skills. Rotating through literacy based stations that include:
  - Opportunities to explore and practice writing
  - Manipulating sounds and spelling patterns
  - Practicing with sight and spelling words
  - Applying grammar and phonics skills
  - Building fluency and comprehension




# Spelling

- ▶ A pre-test will be given every Friday in class.
  - If students score above a 90%, they will be given challenge words to study during the week.
- ▶ Spelling Homework: Choice Menu
  - Choose 4 activities to complete during the week.
  - Return the log on Friday
  - Spelling City (pink page in folder)
- ▶ A test will be given on Friday

# Writing - Being a Writer

- ▶ Students will develop their writing in the following areas:
    - Ideas
    - Organization
    - Voice
    - Word choice
    - Sentence fluency
    - Conventions
    - Presentation
  - ▶ Being a Writer also focuses on the social aspect of being a part of a writing community. Students will
    - Have the opportunity to share their work with their peers
    - Work with their peers to generate ideas
    - Reflect on how they are a part of the writing community and what makes a good partner.
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# Math - My Math

- ▶ Math topics covered in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are:
    - Adding and subtracting concepts
    - Number patterns
    - Adding & subtracting two-digit numbers
    - Place value to 1,000
    - Adding and subtracting 3 digit numbers
    - Money & time
    - Data analysis
    - Customary and Metric lengths
    - Geometry
  
  - ▶ Students will practice these skills through the use of
    - My Math workbooks
    - Math centers
    - Smartboard applications
    - Technology - iPads, online component, computers
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# Science

## ▶ Unit 1: Plant and Animal Survival

- Living and Non-living things
- What do animals and plants need to survive
- How to plants and animals depend on each other
- How plants and animals survive in the desert, rainforest, pond & ocean.

## ▶ Unit 2: Materials and Their Uses

- Comparing liquids and solids
- Materials and their purposes
- Reusing materials
- Mixing materials

## ▶ Earth's Surface

- Kinds of land and water
- Maps
- How Earth's surface changes
- How earthquakes and volcanoes change the land
- How wind and water change the land



**Minds-On!**

**Hands-On!**

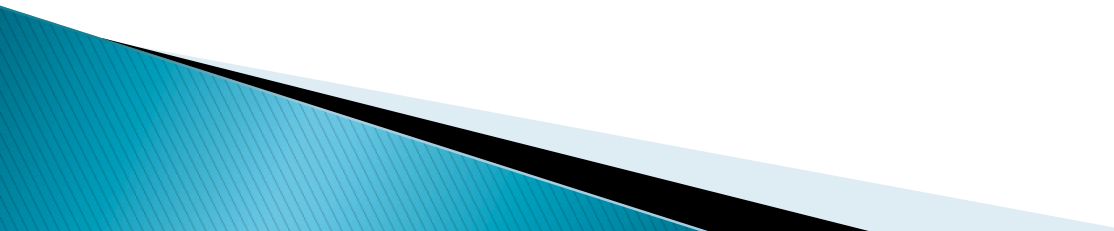
**Inquiry**

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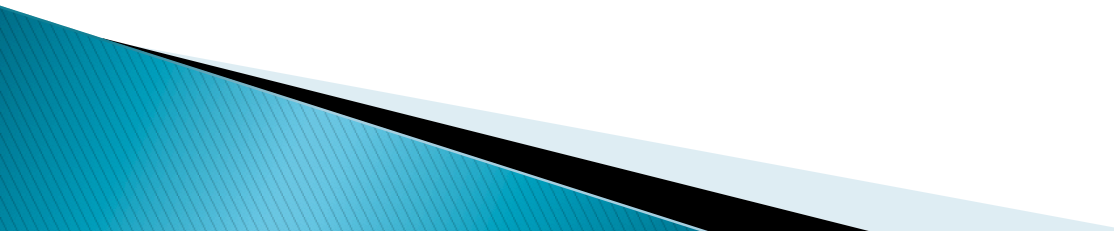


**Cross-Curricular**


# Social Studies

- ▶ Community
  - ▶ Government / Citizenship
  - ▶ Looking at the Earth
  - ▶ Past and Present
  - ▶ Historical Events, People, and Holidays
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# Specials

- ▶ Monday: Music & Art
  - ▶ Tuesday: P.E. & Spanish
  - ▶ Wednesday: P.E. & LRC
  - ▶ Thursday: P.E. & Music
  - ▶ Friday: P.E. & Spanish
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# Homework

- ▶ Reading: 20 minutes every night
  - ▶ Spelling: Words will be sent home on Monday. Complete 4 options on the choice menu and return the packet on Friday. The test will be given on Friday
  - ▶ Math: Homework folders will be sent home on Monday with a list of “Must Do” and “Can Do” activities. Please complete the activities and return by the following Monday.
  - ▶ Poetry: Poetry folders will be sent home on Wednesday. Students are required to read the poem 6 times and turn the poem by the following Wednesday.
  - ▶ Science/Social Studies: Occasionally, homework will be sent home. Clear directions will accompany the homework.
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# Class Website

- ▶ [www.vukmarkaj.weebly.com](http://www.vukmarkaj.weebly.com)
- ▶ On the website you will find:
  - Monthly slideshows
  - Weekly newsletters
  - E-books written by the students
  - Links to websites used in our class
  - And more.....

# November Conferences

- ▶ Sign up!