Second Grade News



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Challenge Charter School **Week of: August 10, 2026**

Core Knowledge is #1! We get it done with fun! Hands-on, Right on! Integrated Science, Social Studies, Math, and Language Arts!

Here's what we'll be learning next week...

ELA

Phonics:

- Short vowels
- Blends
- Dictation **test on August 12**

Reading:

- From our Unit 1 reader, The Cat Bandit
- Identify story elements: characters, setting, and plot
- Identify characteristics of:
  - Fairy Tales
  - Tall Tales

Listening & Learning:

- This week we will learn about **tall tales**. We will hear the tales: ***Paul Bunyan, Pecos Bill, and John Henry.***

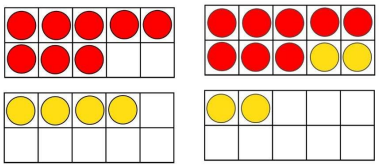


- Fairy tale **quiz Tuesday, August 11.**

Math

Unit 1: Numbers Within 20: Addition, Subtraction, and Data

Make-a-ten strategy
for addition



8 + 4 10 + 2

This week we will learn and practice strategies for adding numbers with a sum of 20 or less. These include: **Making a Ten, Doubles, and Doubles Plus One.**

Students are also taking Mad Dog Math tests for math fact fluency. Please use corrected tests to study. Students will have two minutes to complete missing addend addition tests (ex: 3 + ___ = 5) and subtraction tests.

Spelling Words

bandit
shelf
sprang
munch
picnic
think
wish
drift
box
she ("tricky" word)

First test on Friday 8/21

Social Studies

Geography of the Americas



- Using a Map
- United States & Canada

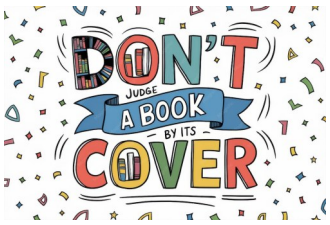
Building on our review of continents and oceans, we will focus our attention on North America this week.

CORE VIRTUES: RESPECT AND RESPONSIBILITY

- Respect is treating others politely and kindly.
- Responsibility is doing your part for the groups that make us whole.

Sayings & Phrases

Better late than never.



Don't judge a book by its cover.



8/14 Specials Day

8/21 Spelling Test

8/24 Specials Day

8/28 August birthday celebrations

Please note: The Arizona Healthy Schools Act has established new requirements for foods shared on school campuses. Second Grade is welcoming birthday "prizes" but not food on this day (optional). Please reach out to your child's teacher with any questions about birthdays.

Homework for the Week

Monday 8/10	Tuesday 8/13	Wednesday 8/14	Thursday 8/15
Phonics	**Spelling**	**Math**	**Social Studies**
Beginning Blends/Which Blend?	Sunshine Words	"Ready for School" addition practice	"Many Sights to See" map skills practice

This year second graders will have daily homework. Students should return their homework each morning by bringing it to school in their Take Home folder. **Below are some expectations and tips** to help. Please let the second grade team know if you have questions.

* Designate a **homework "spot"** and/or time of day (evening or morning)
* Students should **write their name** with appropriate capitals and **read directions** before starting any homework assignment
* **Review completed work** with an adult or older sibling who is capable of checking work
* **Return the homework to the Take Home folder** while removing the school day's papers
* **Extra time? Practice math facts, read for 20 minutes, or practice spelling words**
* **Consider using travel time in the car to provide extra practice**