Second Grade News



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Challenge Charter School **Week of: August 17, 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
- Digraphs

Reading:

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

Listening & Learning:

- This week we will finish our unit on **tall tales**. We will hear the tale, ***Casey Jones.***
- Fairy Tale and Tall tale **quiz Wednesday, August 19.**

Writing

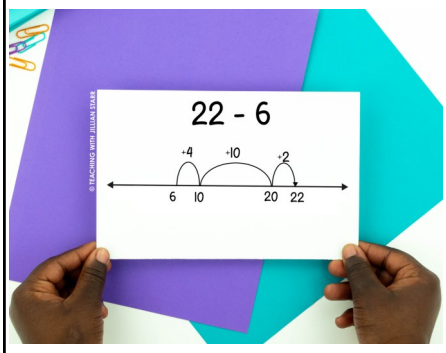
- Writing simple sentences

Language

- Common nouns
- Simple subject and predicate
- NWEA Language Test

Math

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



This week we will review the strategies we learned for addition. These include: **Making a Ten, Doubles, and Doubles Plus One**. Students will have a **quiz on addition strategies on Monday, Aug. 17**. Next, we will focus on strategies for subtraction. These include: **counting on, using an open number line, and fact families.**

Students will also take their NWEA Math Test for our beginning of year data collection.

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



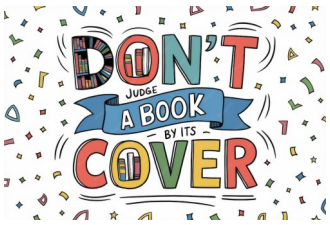
- Mexico
- Central America
- South America

Students will continue to read maps, using map keys and compass roses.

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.



8/21 Spelling Test

8/24 Specials Day

8/28 August birthday celebrations

9/2 Student of the Month assembly at 9:45

When possible, dates for tests and quizzes will be listed on the front of this newsletter.



Homework for the Week

Monday 8/17	Tuesday 8/18	Wednesday 8/19	Thursday 8/20
Reading "The Chicken Nugget"	**Language** Nouns	**Math** Word problems	**Spelling** Practice TEST Tomorrow

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**