Second Grade News



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Challenge Charter School **Week of: August 24, 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 with -ing

Reading:

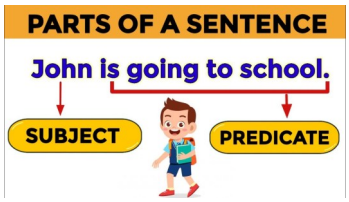
- Identify story elements: characters, setting, and plot
- **Reading quiz from The Cat Bandit on 8/28**

Listening & Learning:

- We will take a break to focus on social studies and science
- Students will hear the tale of Johnny Appleseed

Writing

- Writing simple sentences

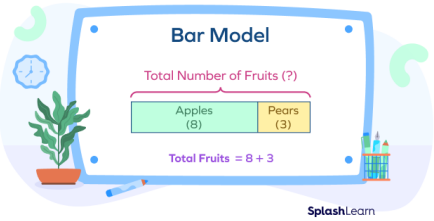


Language

- Common nouns
- Simple subject and predicate

Math

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



Students will be **tested on subtraction strategies taught in class on 8/26.**

Next, we will focus on reading and solving one-step word problems. Bar models, which also resemble part-part-whole diagrams, and are widely used to visualize problems in 2nd and 3rd grade, will be introduced and used regularly. We encourage students to reread problems multiple times before solving as well as looking at the question to decide what they are solving for.

Spelling Words

snacking
mixing
smelling
running
kissing
buzzing
hitting
until
how
problem

Test on Friday 9/4

Social Studies

Geography of the Americas

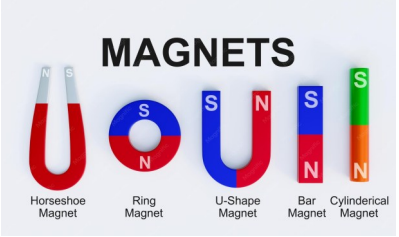
Review Homework on 8/24

Unit Test on 8/25

Science

Magnets

We will begin by looking at the invisible forces of attraction and repulsion of magnets. This unit includes lots of hands-on practice.



CORE VIRTUES: RESPECT AND RESPONSIBILITY

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





8/24	Specials Day
8/28	August birthday celebrations
8/31	APEX Fundraiser starts
9/1	Specials Day
9/2	Student of the Month assembly at 9:45 **Ms. McColley's class will be performing!**

Homework for the Week

Monday 8/24	Tuesday 8/25	Wednesday 8/26	Thursday 8/27
Social Studies Geography of the Americas review	**Math** Subtraction practice	**Reading** "The Chips"	**Writing** Practice

As stated in our Second Grade Information Packet (distributed at Open House), second grade will celebrate birthdays without food this year. If your child has an August birthday and you wish to send in treats for the class, please consider pencils, stickers, and other non-food items. Classes have about 23 students. We will celebrate on 8/28.

