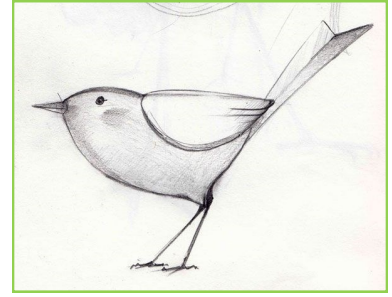


SECOND GRADE NEWS

November 1, 2018



NOTES

- ⇒ **Many, many thanks** to Sam Calaluca for organizing a spooktacular Halloween party. The activities, treats, decorations, and costumes were wonderful! Thank you also to all of the parent volunteers for leading activities and to the parents that brought treats and snacks—a great time was had by all! Thank you!
- ⇒ Second Graders are asked to bring in **2 cans of green beans** for the Thanksgiving Food Drive to help those in need. Please have your child put his/her donations in the box in the morning meeting room.

Dates to Remember

Picture Retakes (return the old ones on that day!)	11/5
Blue Ridge Wildlife Center (outdoor attire)	11/6
Airlie (outdoor attire)	11/16
2 cans green beans	NLT 11/16
Greens Sale- Second Grade Fundraiser See Take Note for order form	Nov./Dec.

GEOMETRY

We are fully ensconced in Unit 2, *Geometry*, and loving it! The engaging lessons, manipulatives, and workshops are enriching our mathematical thinking and discussions.

We will learn to identify and sketch two- and three- dimensional shapes, focus on the properties of rectangles and rectangular prisms, understand arrays, identify and create symmetrical designs and mirror images, as well as continue our work with doubles combinations.

Below are a few activities you can do with your child to further deepen his/her mathematical experiences. As always, ask your child to explain his/her thinking and, of course, enjoy your time together.

Shapes—look for shapes anywhere in the environment. How many triangles, trapezoids, or hexagons can you find during a car ride?

Making shapes—make shape pictures out of shapes cut from magazines or newspapers. Create a family mural, adding shapes over a period of time.

Arrays—look for rectangles or arrays (floor tiles, egg cartons, cans in a box, calendar grids) and discuss the number of items in each row or column. Draw new arrays by giving each other clues about the number of rows and columns.

Symmetry—look for designs that are symmetrical around your house. Can you find examples of mirror symmetry? Can you draw and/or build a design that is symmetrical?

Doubles or near Doubles—work with doubles combinations ($12+12=$) and missing addends ($6+ \underline{\quad} = 13$). Ask your child to prove his answer using cheerios, beans, blocks or any other manipulative.

Unsure of how to approach the above ideas? Schedule a meeting with us and we'll work through these ideas and others with you!

Questions

What is a geoblock? Tell me three attributes of a cube.

Do you have a pinch-pot I should pick up in the classroom?

I understand that Dr. Lyman led an assembly about the history of Halloween! Where does the name Halloween come from?

Is your memoir in for publishing? What is hard about the writing process? Why?

Let's look at your stuffed animals and see if there are animals you would like to bring in for the vertebrate zoo!

What is the World of Change? What are you passionate about? Where do you think you will put your money?