



**Columbine Elementary School**  
**Second Grade Newsletter**  
 Home of the Wildcats



**For the month of November 2008**

**Reader's Workshop**

Our in depth study of fairy tales continues with various fairy tales along with a read aloud of the Tale of Despereaux. We are focusing on reading comprehension strategies with special attention given to visualizing and inferring. To get ready for report cards all classrooms will be assessing students for growth in their literacy skills.

**Writer's Workshop**

Each classroom is focusing on writing fairytales and friendly letters. We are working on improving punctuation skills and the spelling of high frequency words.

**Math**

We will continue to work on identifying and understanding time and money. Addition and subtraction concepts are continuing with an emphasis on identifying the most efficient strategies for combining and separating combinations of numbers from 0 to 20 in small groups and centers. We are still working on building an understanding of numbers through 100 and beyond. Some introductory lessons on place value will begin.

**Science**

It was necessary to delay our weather unit in order to finish our study on communities. We will begin the weather unit this month. We will be learning about the air, wind, sun, and heat that cause our weather. We will be charting the weather and making decisions on what we wear to school.

**Social Studies**

We are developing our skills in reading maps and globes to identify and locate continents, oceans, and countries. We are learning how to use a set of coordinates to find specific places on a map. We have been using legends and keys to better understand the geographic features of our world.

**Notes from the Teachers**

**Thank you** again to all of you who helped on our field trips. Our community unit was richly enhanced by all of the field trips.  
**Thank you** for attending your child's conference. It was important to discuss your child's progress.

**Homework Update**

Thank you for your efforts and assistance in helping to make your child's homework experience successful. Please continue to assist your child in building their reading, writing and mathematical expertise.

**Upcoming Events**

- \* Columbine Carnival on November 10<sup>th</sup>. We will send information on donating popcorn.
- \*November 10 - Eco-Cycle presentation for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.
- \*No school on November 11<sup>th</sup>.
- \*November 13 - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade musical Students need to be here by 6:15.
- \*November 17 - Report Cards go home.
- \* Popcorn reading - November 21<sup>st</sup>
- \*Thanksgiving Break - November 24-28.

