



# Columbine Elementary School

## Second Grade Newsletter

Home of the Wildcats



### For the month of October 2008

<p><b>Reader's Workshop</b> Guided Reading groups have started. That means that we are able to teach small reading groups with 6 or less students in each group. The focus of this time is developing comprehension strategies, fluency, and tricky word strategies. We are enjoying an in depth study of fairy tales.</p>	<p><b>Writer's Workshop</b> Each classroom is working on building writing expertise in a variety of genres. Some of these include expository writing, personal narratives, friendly letters, literature responses, and story structure through fairy tales.</p>	<p><b>Math</b> We have been working on telling time and number concepts. Addition and subtraction concepts are continuing with an emphasis on combining and separating combinations of numbers from 0 to 20 in small groups and centers. We are working on building an understanding of numbers through 100 with our opening math games and activities which are done with the whole group.</p>
<p><b>Science</b> We are going to 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.</p>	<p><b>Social Studies</b> We are learning about community and the things we do for each other. The field trips were a great success. We will also begin our study of World Geography and build our ability to locate and name the continents and oceans along with learning how to read and use maps.</p>	<p><b>Notes from the Teachers</b> <b>Thank you</b> to all of you who helped on our field trips. We had a great time. We learned a lot about our community. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the parent/teacher conferences this month. Remember:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please remind your children that they should leave their toys including electronic devices, cards, make-up, stuffed animals (except on popcorn reading days) at home.</li> <li>• Sufficient sleep is important to enhance the learning experience.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Homework Update</b> Homework is going well. We love reading their responses and responding to them when we have time. Math homework varies by teacher. If you and your child are playing an assigned math game please remember to sign the recording sheet <b>each time</b> you play the game and return it on the required day.</p>	<p><b>Upcoming Events</b> * No school on October 31<sup>st</sup>. *Parent/Teacher Conferences—October 13, 15, 21 and 23. *Book Fair—October 13-15<sup>th</sup>. *Halloween parade and parties on Thursday, October 30 - more to come * Popcorn reading - Friday, October 24</p>	

