**Reading:**
In reading we are working on story elements. Students will be identifying and discussing the character, setting, conflict and resolution, as well as the plot (events-beginning, middle, and end) of a story. We are also introducing and practicing reading rotations. In writing we are working on identifying questions, statements/commands, and exclamations in order to use correct punctuation. We are also discussing and working on creating idea lists and planning for writing as we begin to introduce the writing process. Starting September 9th we will begin assessing students in reading using the Pals and Star programs. This will help to determine strengths and weaknesses and help to appropriately instruct students in small groups to meet each individual student's needs.

**Math:**
In math, we will be reading and writing two-digit numbers with numerals and words. Students will compare two-digit numbers using greater than and less than and the corresponding symbols (>, <). We will venture into three-digit numbers with identifying how many tens make a hundred(s) (20 tens = 200). We will explore even and odd numbers and ordinal numbers using the names and symbols (first, 1st).

**Social Studies:**
In Social Studies, we have discussed how we are united as American citizens, yet celebrate our nation's diversity with different cultural traditions. We also talked about the importance of Labor Day and why we recognize it as an American holiday and finished the week with our nation's symbols including: the United States flag, Statue of Liberty, Washington Monument, bald eagle, and the meaning behind the Pledge of Allegiance. We will be having a test on Thursday, September 5th. The following week, we will be starting Science and using our inquiry skills to think like a scientist.

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**Reminders:**
- All students need an art shirt labeled in a Ziploc bag.
- All students need a pair of headphones labeled in a Ziploc bag.

**Twitter:**
Be sure to follow us on Twitter at: PRES2ndGrade
We love to tweet about all the great things we are doing in second grade, including photos!

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**September Specials 2019**

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**Spirit Fridays:**
We show our Patriot Pride Spirit on Fridays! Wear Red, White, and Blue or a Park Ridge shirt to promote our school spirit! PRES shirts may be ordered online by using the link below. The class with the most spirit will get the weekly spirit award! If you would like to purchase PRES spirit wear, please direct your browser to the following link: https://parkridgespiritwear.com/
Online School Payments:

Online School Payments has been upgraded to now include a new Mobile App for parent use.

What’s New?
- Mobile App
- Faster Transactions
- Easy Transition

To Download the OSP Mobile:
- Google Play for Android
- iTunes/App Store for Apple
  - [https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/osp-online-school-payments/id1455205232](https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/osp-online-school-payments/id1455205232)

For Parents:
- Online Help Page available at [osmsinc.com/osp](osmsinc.com/osp)
- Quick Start Guide available at [tinyurl.com/ospparentguide](tinyurl.com/ospparentguide)

Bubbles

BUBBLES! Who doesn’t love bubbles? PRES is jumping in to help support the Give Back Team of Coldwell Bankers, in their efforts to fill Dr. Bear’s Closet at Children’s National. We are going to collect BUBBLES! LOTs and LOTs of BUBBLES! Our goal is 200 bottles of bubbles by September 20th.

Please keep in mind that the BUBBLES will be used to pack gift bags for birthdays and care packages for families to help distract them during their hospital visits, so, the smaller sized BUBBLES will work BEST! (Not the tiny wedding sized ones and not the HUGE refill ones! Think somewhere in the middle.)

Every BOTTLE COUNTS! We have until September 20th to collect at least 200 bottles of HAPPINESS! Hope you all have a BUBBLY Week!

Upcoming Events:

**Monday, September 2:**
Labor Day – No School

**Thursday, September 5:**
Picture Day and First PTO Meeting of Year
PRES Library at 6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, September 11:**
Interims Go Home

**Friday, September 13:**
Bingo - 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, September 18:**
Early Release – 1:20 p.m.

**Thursday, September 19:**
Back to School Night
5:00 – 5:45 p.m.
6:00 -- 6:45 p.m.

**Thursday, September 26:**
Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night – 5:00 p.m.

**Thursday, October 10:**
Cici's Spirit Night – 5:00 p.m.

**Friday, October 11:**
Early Release – 1:20 p.m.
End of First Quarter

**Monday, October 14:**
Professional Day – Columbus Day
No School for Students

**Friday, October 18:**
Report Cards Go Home

**Thursday, October 24:**
Chili Cook-Off

**Saturday, October 26:**
Trunk or Treat

**Thursday, October 31:**
Early Release – 1:20 p.m.

**Tuesday, November 5:**
No School – Election Day – Professional Day

**Friday, November 8:**
Movie Night

**Monday, November 11:**
No School – Veterans Day

**Wednesday, November 13:**
Carlos O’Kelly’s – All Day

**Thursday, November 14:**
Picture Retakes

**Friday, November 15:**
Interims Go Home

**Wednesday, November 27 – Friday, November 29:**
Thanksgiving Holidays

**Friday, December 20:**
Early Release – 1:20 p.m.

**Monday, December 23 – Friday, January 3**
Winter Break

**Monday, January 6:**
No School – Professional Day

**Friday, February 14:**
Early Release – 1:20 p.m.