



# Second Grade is Buzzing into October!

## ELA NEWS

What do good readers do? We visualize! This month we are reading books by two favorite authors, Bill Peet and Janelle Cannon. We are visualizing the character, setting, problem and solution. We have also begun Writer's Workshop. Workshop is an extended period of time for students to learn to use the writing process to write their ideas. We are growing our "seeds" (ideas) into personal stories. At home, take a moment to share family memories, watch family videos or look at photos to help your child collect seeds to write about. We will

## WHAT'S THE BUZZ IN MATH?

Cluster 2 is all about mathematical patterns. That means number and shape patterns, and repeating as well as growing patterns. We will continue to practice and assess basic facts with timed tests in addition and subtraction. Second graders are responsible for memorizing their addition/subtraction facts to 15. Please continue to play the games; Tens Go Fish, Turn Over 10



Science Second grade is going "buggy"! Next week we'll begin our first Science unit, Insects! Your child will investigate what makes an animal an insect, and will identify and classify animals based on observations. We complete this unit with Insect Day on *Friday, Oct. 28.* All second graders come to school dressed as their favorite

## READY, HIKE, READ!



Information about our new reading incentive program has been sent home. We are waiting for the journals students will use to record their reading minutes and short responses about their reading. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- 11<sup>th</sup> Evening conference 3:30-7
- 18<sup>th</sup> Picture Day
- 21<sup>st</sup> School closed
- 28<sup>th</sup> Insect Day

- **National Aquarium Trip** Just a friendly
- reminder: please send in your child's permission slip,
- a \$15.30 check to CSE, and lunch choice by
- Thursday, Oct. 14 if you have not already.
- November 30<sup>th</sup> seems a long way off, but CCPS
- and the Aquarium require early information.
- Chaperones will be notified by the end of October.

\*\* Our New Schedule: Recess is after lunch from 11:35-11:50. ☺

Don't forget to *call the school office* to schedule a conference with your child's teacher. Remember some students have a different math teacher so you may have to request two conferences. Fall

Conference Nights: Oct 11, Nov. 17