

**Piney Ridge Mission Statement**


*It is the mission of Piney Ridge Elementary to develop students as thinkers, problems solvers, and communicators. All will work to ensure maximum achievement for every child in all curricular areas.*



# Second Grade News

November



<p><b>Appropriate Dress</b></p> <p>We go outside in 36° or warmer weather including the wind chill. Please encourage your child to dress suitably for outside recess. Those who don't will be staying inside.</p>	<p><b>Dates to Remember:</b></p> <p><b>Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>: Early Dismissal</b>  <b>Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>: Math Night</b>  <b>Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>: Early Dismissal</b>  <b>Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> &amp; 21<sup>st</sup>: Conference Night</b>  <b>Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>: Thanksgiving Break</b></p>	<p><b>Second Grade Team:</b>  Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. Bower,  Mrs. Cavey, Mrs.  Graumann, and Mrs.  Hinkel</p> 
<p><b>Flex Time</b></p> <p><b>Flex Time is a twenty minutes of specific instruction in the following areas:</b></p> <p><b>Fluency-instruction is with Mrs. Hinkel.</b> During this time students practice poems, songs, or Reader's Theatre to improve their intonation, speed, and phrasing to gain the most meaning from the text which they are reading.</p> <p><b>Foundations- instruction is with Mrs. Cavey.</b> Students will develop their decoding and encoding skills. Students will practice phonic rules and apply them to their daily reading and writing.</p> <p><b>Grammar/Writing- is with Mrs. Graumann.</b> Students will apply skills to their writing in order to improve their written expression.</p> <p><b>Math Reteach- instruction is with Mrs. Bower.</b> Students are directly re-taught any skills not mastered in the previous Cluster(s). A 2<sup>nd</sup> chance test is then given to those students.</p> <p><b>Reading Enrichment- instruction is with Mrs. Baldwin.</b> Students are given choice activities to complete that enhance their reading comprehension skills. Some activities will be done independently while others may be done within small groups.</p>	<p><b>Math</b></p> <p><b>Advanced Cluster 3:</b> students are learning 3-digit place value concepts, along with addition and subtraction with regrouping.</p> <p><b>On Grade Cluster 3:</b> students are reviewing ways to write numbers, compare numbers, &amp; add and subtract numbers without regrouping.</p> <p><b>Math Facts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Shuffle cards each time you practice.</li> <li>-Math fact parents and teachers will place checks on cards only.</li> <li>-Encourage daily practice through praise. Have fun!</li> <li>-Remember to use the computer websites distributed earlier in the year.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>E/LA</b></p> <p>Students have been reviewing closed, magic e, and open syllable types in one syllable words to build on their understanding of phonics patterns and rules. This foundation will help them as we begin to decode unknown multi-syllabic words they encounter in text. In the following months, 2nd graders will continue to study words and spelling patterns as they work with the final three syllable types: vowel teams, r controlled vowels, and consonant -le to improve their reading and writing.</p>	
	<p><b>Other News</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents who would like to volunteer need to check the school web-site (<a href="http://www.carrollk12.org/pre/">http://www.carrollk12.org/pre/</a>) to find out where Volunteer Training is taking place. Please let the front office know when you get trained so you can start volunteering. This includes being able to attend field trips.</li> <li>• <b>Book It Calendars due Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.</b> 100 minutes of reading needs to be documented.</li> <li>• <b>Ready Set Read</b> program with Matt Birk from the Ravens begins this quarter. 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders need 700 minutes by the end of the quarter in order to get their reward. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Don't forget Raz-Kids</b> (<a href="http://www.raz-kids.com">http://www.raz-kids.com</a>) is a great way to earn those minutes.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	