

# Stuart Star



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## A Peek at Our Week

**Reading:** We will be finishing our first reading unit, Second Grade Growth Spurt this week. We will be focusing on what intentions authors have to write books and what the author wants to teach us.

**Math:** Problem solving is a huge component of second grade math. We'll be continue to work through sets of story problem lessons this week. Please continue to practice the addition and subtraction facts at home. Children that have a firm grasp on the basic facts tend to navigate the story problems easier.

**Writing:** We will continue to work on personal narratives. We'll focus on adding transition words, using dialogue, adding more "juicy" details (by showing, not telling) and revising our writing.

**Social Studies:** We'll continue to to learn about maps.

**7- Habits-** We will focus on the second habit, Begin with an End in Mind. This means that I look for ways to be a good citizen, I plan ahead and set goals, I am an important part of my classroom, I do things that have meaning and make a difference. I have a plan!

## Reminders

**Specials this Week-** Monday-PE Tuesday- Music Wednesday-Art Thursday-Media Friday- PE

**Star of the Week-** This week will be Allison H.

**i-Pads-** Our class will use iPads weekly. It would be helpful if your child had a set of headphones or earbuds to keep here at school to use with the iPads.

Please continue to time your child for one minute an evening on the Fluency passages that come home on Monday's and are due back on Friday's. If your child is already reading at a high rate, they can really focus on adding intonation and expression while they are reading rather than just racing through the passage ☺

## Upcoming Events

**October 19-** 2<sup>nd</sup> grade walking fieldtrip to Police Station and Fire Station

**October 17-** Book orders due back to school

**October 26** Trunk or Treat 6:30 p.m.

**October 31** Costume Parade 9:15  
Trick or Treating at Nursing Home  
10:15-11:15

Half-Day for Student- Dismissal 12:05



## Notes from the Teacher



**Halloween Celebration-** Our school Halloween parade will be on Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 9:15-9:45ish. **We will come back to our classroom and have a snack of donuts and water and leave at 10:15 to Trick-or-Treat at the Lake Orion Nursing home.** This has been a second grade tradition at Blanche Sims for many years. When we get back it will be almost time to go home. Since we are going to the Nursing Home, that will be considered our party ☺ You are more than welcome to join us for our snack and the trip if you would like. Just send me a quick e-mail or note saying you would like to come. **Also, I am asking for a \$2 donation from each child in order to purchase the donuts and water. Please send to school in a baggie labeled Halloween donation.** I have attached a list of ingredients for the donuts from Yates. Please let me know if you child is unable to have a donut due to an allergy and we can make another choice for your child ☺

**Downtown Fieldtrip-** If you volunteered to chaperone our field trip on Friday, please plan on coming. More information will come home on Wednesday about what time to be at school ☺

**Nursing Home Trick-or-Treat Fieldtrip-** Permission slips went home on Wednesday. They are due back to school by THIS Friday, October 19.

**Positive Behavior Class Rewards-** When our class gets a 4 or 5 in specials, a compliment from another teacher in the building, use appropriate voice levels in our classroom (this has been very hard for our class) or follow directions the first time they are given I will pull a Bingo card. We got our first Bingo last week and our classroom pet, a hermit crab named Cheese came to school. We are now working on our next Bingo. The class voted on Technology Time. More to come on this when we get our bingo ☺