



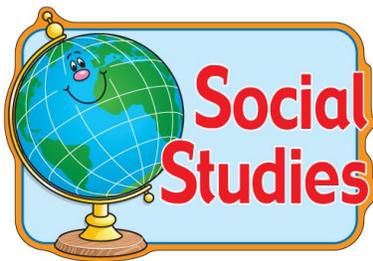
# September



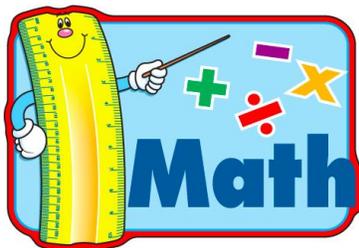
## 2ND GRADE ROCKSTAR UPDATES

Welcome back to school and welcome to second grade! We have really enjoyed getting to know all of the students and their families! We hope you are having a great start to the year!

## WHAT WE ARE LEARNING THIS MONTH



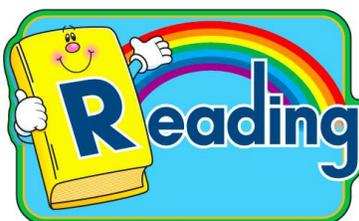
Community Unit



1. Launching Math Workshop & Math Practices
2. Place Value, Counting, & Comparing



Personal Narratives



Building a Community of Readers

# NED Awards

NED stands for Never Give Up, Encourage Others, and Do Your Best. At Meadowbrook, students can earn awards for showing these characteristics!



Elaina earned a NED award for encouraging others in gym.

## Miscellaneous

- **Introducing NED**

Our school uses [NED](#) as a school-wide way to celebrate good effort and choices in school and at home. NED stands for Never Give Up, Encourage Others, and Do Your Best. Each week, students are recognized on the school announcements for doing these things while at school. Watch in our newsletters for these recognitions.

- **Party Invitations**

Just a reminder, per the Meadowbrook handbook, any party invitations have to be mailed or distributed outside of school. Unfortunately, they cannot be handed out at school. Thanks for understanding.

- **Party Treats**

As outlined in our Meadowbrook Handbook, students are asked not to bring in birthday treats. In addition, no homemade treats are able to be passed out to students at holiday parties. If an item is store bought, it has to be opened at school, an item is not allowed to be passed out if it has been opened and separated at home.

- **This Year's Field Trips**

We just wanted to give you a heads up on a few dates our second grade class has on the calendar:

January 14th-Planetarium

April 2019-E.B. Shurts Environmental Education Center

- **Walk-a-Thon (October 4, 2:15pm)**

Join us for our annual Walk-a-Thon put together by our PTA. This event is a fundraiser to raise money for your child's learning experience at school. Watch for more information in your child's Thursday folder.

- **2nd Grade Positive Behavior Systems**

In our classroom, we believe in helping students become aware of their choices and how their choices form who they are each and every day. Each year in second grade, students reflect on their choices and set goals to help guide them in becoming the very best they can be!

As the year progresses, we will launch some positive reward systems. We value rewarding students for the good choices they make in class! Students will be able to earn tickets for making these good choices. The students save tickets for a good note home or lunch with the teacher.

We try to focus on the positives in our classroom and incorporate natural consequences. Typically, if students do not complete their work, they are able to come in for a “working lunch” where they are able to be retaught or finish their work. This is a quiet work time in the classroom while students eat their lunch. Students always go out for lunch recess as this is a provided social break to help students be successful learning in the afternoon.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask!

- **Just a Heads Up ~ Conferences**

Fall Conferences will be held:

- Tuesday, October 15th (4:30pm–7:30pm)
- Thursday, October 17th (4:30pm–7:30pm)
- Wednesday, October 23rd (4:30pm–7:30pm)

- **AVID in 2nd Grade at Meadowbrook**

Meadowbrook applied and has been granted to become an AVID school. A team of teachers went to a few days of training this summer in St. Louis. There they learned a lot of great teaching practices to engage students in their learning and promote motivated learners. AVID is multi-faceted, so we will launch components throughout the year. Throughout the month of September, we are supporting students with organizing their school materials. Specifically, students in Grade 2 will organize materials in colored folders based on a color system that is consistent with Grades 3–5. After doing a lesson on organization, one student said “I will be ready to learn, I won’t have to look all over for my materials.” They were all so proud of their organized materials and we cannot wait to see how this supports their learning throughout the year. At the October 14th PTA meeting, we will be discussing the AVID journey and how you can support this work at home. Please consider joining us that day at 4pm.