



2nd Grade News
Bancroft Elementary
December 7, 2017



READING

We are reading **nonfiction** books right now for our reading lessons. Our shared reading is all about *plants and animals and their habitats*. It is interesting to read about different places. Our students enjoy reading and learning new things. We are also reading nonfiction books at Guided Reading so we are practicing these skills as a whole group and in small groups. We are getting good at reading nonfiction.

Please encourage your student to read for at least 20 minutes every day!

Questions of the Week

Talk about this at home with your family:

- What are solids and liquids you use at home?
- What words do you use to describe these things?



IB Unit of Inquiry HOW THE WORLD WORKS

Central Idea:

What we know about solids, liquids, and gases, helps us build useful things

This is an exciting and hands-on science unit. We have been spending the last week looking at different **solid** objects and *describing them using property words*. For example, some objects were round, and others were pointy. We also talked about how objects are made of different materials. Two objects may be flexible but made of different materials. Both plastic and leather are flexible. We also took our knowledge of solids and built towers. It was fun to be engineers! Now we will start thinking about **liquids** and how we describe them. We are learning a lot about matter.

MATH

We have started a new unit on **geometry**. We are studying both **measuring** and **shapes**. We are learning about 2D and 3D shapes. We are learning the names of shapes and their definitions. We are also using *centimeters* and *inches* to measure. We have been practicing using rulers correctly. We know to line up the edge of the ruler (0) to the edge of what we are measuring. We are also comparing the lengths of different things.
It is fun to measure!

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REMINDERS

We go **outside for recess** every day. **Make sure your student has a coat, hat, and gloves.** We want kids to have fun outside and stay warm!

Winter Break

Monday, December 25 to
Friday, January 5

Back to School

Monday, January 8, 2018