

MRS. GUBLER'S  
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READING

We are working on Unit 4 in our basal reading books. The theme for this unit is Our Changing World. We will be integrating science topics into our reading by exploring the life cycles of a pumpkin and a frog. We have also been comparing and contrasting animals, and regions of the world. We have completed our ELA Mid-term Assessment. Most students did well on the multiple-choice comprehension portion of the assessment. We saw a real weakness in most students' short written answers as well as the longer open-response portions of the test. We are planning to refocus our small group instruction to meet this need. At home you could ask your child to tell you about the story they are reading for 10 - 15 minutes every night.

LANGUAGE

We are beginning to work with adjectives. The goal for second grade writing is to be able to write one strong paragraph. It should begin with a good main idea sentence, have at least three rich supporting details and a creative conclusion. Adjectives can help make good details into great details.

MATH

We are finishing Chapter 6 on money. We will soon begin Chapter 7 on two-digit addition. We will begin to add with and without regrouping. Students quickly master addition without regrouping but will find addition with regrouping somewhat more challenging. Continue to work on math facts at home. Students who are not still struggling with basic facts will find a greater success.

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## HOMEWORK

When checking your child's homework, please look for neatness, capitals, end marks and notice if the sentences make sense. Encourage them to check their own work before showing it to you. It is important for students to have high standards for their work. It leads to increased effort and pride in their own abilities.

## IMPORTANT DATES

2/14 Valentines Day - We will be having a small celebration. If you could donate food, paper goods, or drinks to the party; please send in a note with your choice so I can make sure we have what we need. Cards should not be addressed, only signed. We have 23 students.  
2/20 - 2/24 February Vacation