



# 2nd Grade Family Newsletter

**Mission:** Elk Meadows Falcons are growing to be resilient, lifelong learners.  
**Golden Gate:** I will make someone's day.  
**Date:** February 6, 2023

## Upcoming Grade-Level Events

- Feb. 10 - Health & Wellness Day **No in-person attendance (Feb. 9th Full Day - Dismiss 3:35)**
- Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day classroom parties: 2:15 - 3:15
- Feb. 20 - Presidents' Day **NO SCHOOL**
- Feb. 22 & 23 - Parent Teacher Conferences
- Feb. 24 - Teacher Comp Day **NO SCHOOL**

### Math

Focus: I can subtract using a picture, expanded form, or adding up.

Unknown Addend Adding Up Method

$78 + \square = 146$	OR	$78 + \square = 146$
$+ 2 = 80$		$+ 2 = 80$
$+ 20 = 100$		$+ 66 = 146$
$+ 46 = 146$		$\boxed{68}$
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Home Connection: Ask your child which strategy they like the best and have them explain to you how it works.

### Language Arts

Focus: I can identify other vowel phonemes in syllables (/oo/ as in ooze, /oi/, /ou/, /oo/ as in book, /aw/).

Examples:  
ooze, true, zoo  
toy, void, coin  
ouch, plow, cow  
book, wood, should, foot

Some vowel sounds are not categorized as long, short or r-controlled. These vowel sounds are called "other" vowels.

Other Vowels

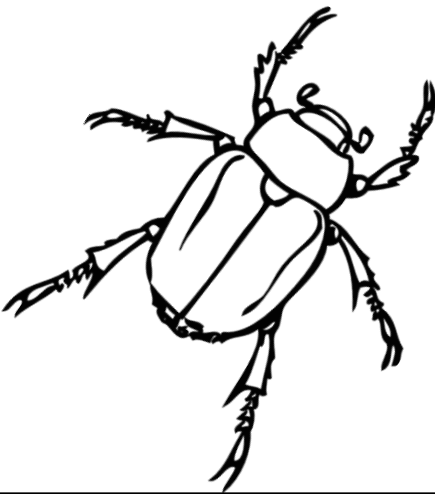
I know the phoneme...

/oo/	is the first phoneme in ooze.	
/oi/	is the first phoneme in oink.	
/ou/	is the first phoneme in ouch.	
/oo/	is the middle phoneme in book.	
/aw/	is the first phoneme in awesome.	

### Science

Focus: This year the students will be rotating through 3 different units in science. They will be learning about Solids & Liquids, Sand, Pebbles & Silt, Insects & Plants.

Davis: Insects & Plants  
Life cycles of butterflies and other insects  
Hill: Solids & Liquids  
Mixing and separating bits and pieces  
Olsen: Sand, Pebbles, & Silt  
Rocks and their uses



### Social Studies

Focus: In social studies the students will rotate through 4 standards. Culture, Citizenship, Geography and Financial Literacy.

Snow: We are learning map skills and different cultures and traditions around the world.



## Family Connection/Additional Information

- Remember to **read 20 minutes each night** - record and initial in the Take Home Folder.