



# 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 7, 2022

## Upcoming Grade-Level Events

- Feb. 11- Health & Wellness Day **No in person attendance**
- Feb. 14- Valentine's Day classroom parties: 1:15 - 2:15
- Feb. 21- Presidents' Day **NO SCHOOL**
- Feb. 22- "Twos"-day Activities in 2nd grade classes

## Math

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

Unknown Addend Adding Up Method

$$\begin{array}{r} 78 + \square = 146 \\ + 2 = 80 \\ + 20 = 100 \\ + 46 = 146 \\ \hline \boxed{68} \end{array} \quad \text{OR} \quad \begin{array}{r} 78 + \square = 146 \\ + 2 = 80 \\ + 66 = 146 \\ \hline \boxed{68} \end{array}$$

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.



## 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.

Brown: Insects & Plants

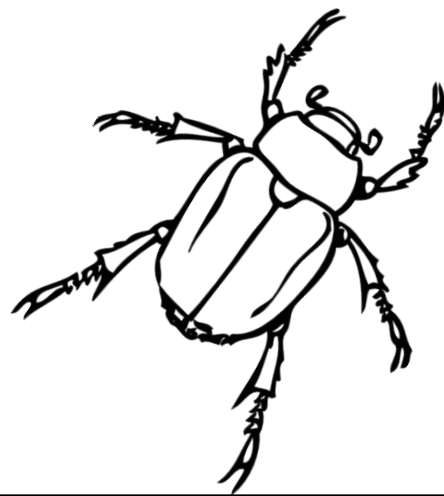
Life cycles of butterflies and other insects

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 what it means to be a good citizen.

Davis: We are learning about different cultures and traditions around the world

## Family Connection/Additional Information

- Remember to **read 20 minutes each night** and record and initial in the planner.