



# 2nd Grade Family Newsletter

**Mission:** Elk Meadows Falcons are growing to be resilient, lifelong learners.

**Golden Gate:** I will be a problem solver.

**Date:** April 4, 2022

## Upcoming Grade-Level Events

- Apr. 14 - Early out 12:55
- Apr. 15 - 22 - **No school - SPRING RECESS**
- Apr. 29 - **No school - Professional Development day for Teachers**
- May 3 - 2nd Grade Field Trip-more information to come
- May 4 - School Choir Performance

## Math

Focus: I can add and subtract within 1,000 using a strategy.

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	100	10
$\begin{array}{r} 456 \\ + 278 \\ \hline 4 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 456 \\ + 278 \\ \hline 34 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 456 \\ + 278 \\ \hline 734 \end{array}$		

Children put the new 1 hundred or 1 ten on the line instead of at the top of the column. Many children find this less confusing because:

- They can see the 14.
- It is easier to add the 1 after they add the 5 and the 7.

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3
$\begin{array}{r} 432 \\ - 273 \\ \hline \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 432 \\ - 273 \\ \hline 100 + 50 + 9 \\ = 159 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 432 \\ - 273 \\ \hline 159 \end{array}$

Home Connection: Give your student an equation with 3 digits adding or subtracting 3 digits. Ask them if it decomposes, or makes a new ten, hundred or thousand.

## Language Arts

Focus: I can identify suffixes and know if they are a vowel or consonant suffix (vowel = -es, -er, -y, -ible, -able, -ous, -est, -ing), (consonant = -ment, -ly, -s, -ness, -less, -ful).

### Examples:

Foxes, slower, frosty, flexible, moveable, famous, fastest, sinking, enjoyment, costly, hands, sadness, pointless, helpful.

Home Connection: Give your child words that have suffixes and see if they can identify what the suffix is and if it is a vowel suffix or a consonant suffix. You can also say words with and without suffixes and see if they can identify if it has a suffix or not.

## 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

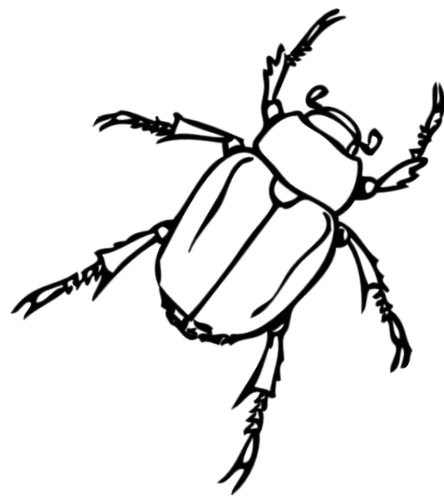
Life cycles of butterflies and other insects

Olsen: Solids & Liquids

Mixing and separating bits and pieces

Snow: 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.

Brown: We are learning what it means to be a good citizen.

Hill: 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.