



2nd Grade Family Newsletter

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

Golden Gate: I will be my best self.

Date: May 1, 2023

Upcoming Grade-Level Events

- May 29 - No School - Memorial Day
- May 31- Field Day
- June 2 - Last Day of School

Math

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

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

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
$\begin{array}{r} 432 \\ - 273 \\ \hline \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 432 \\ - 273 \\ \hline 100 + 50 + 9 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 120 \\ 300 \quad 20 \quad 12 \\ 400 + 30 + 2 = 400 + 30 + 2 \\ 200 + 70 + 3 = 200 + 70 + 3 \\ \hline 100 + 50 + 9 \\ = 159 \end{array}$

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 prefixes; pro-, pre-, re-

Examples:

protest, protect, provide
 prefix, preview, pretest
 review, retie, reply

Home Connection: Give your child words that have prefixes and see if they can identify what the prefix is. You can also say words with and without prefixes and see if they can identify if it has a prefix 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.

Snow: Insects & Plants

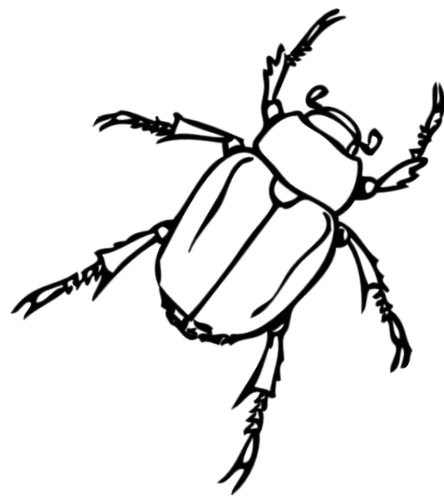
Life cycles of butterflies and other insects

Olsen: Solids & Liquids

Mixing and separating bits and pieces

Davis: 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.

Hill: We are learning about financial literacy and about different cultures and traditions around the world.

Family Connection/Additional Information

- All library books due by **MAY 18**
- Remember to **read 20 minutes each night** and record and initial in the planner.