

November 2, 2015

Dear Parents,

How did November get here so quickly?! We've been very busy in 2nd grade! We wrapped up our unit on Ancient India having learned so many fascinating things about the country and its people! We learned about a holiday called Diwali that has many elements that are similar to holidays here in the U.S.! We also read folktales from the country and learned about peacocks (their national bird).

Now we are learning about Ancient China! We've learned about some of the many inventions that have come from China: fireworks, printing, the plow, the compass, and paper. We also tried our hand at Chinese calligraphy. In writing, we've written a small-moment story, acrostic poems, and continue working on our journal writing. In math, we've begun measuring practically EVERYTHING we can put our hands on!

Please remember that students should be reading nightly and bring in their book packets each Friday, so I may check the logs and have them change their books if needed.

Here are a few items to note that will be coming up in November:

- *County Evacuation Drill – Thursday, November 5th
- *No School – Wednesday, November 11th
- *Report Cards - Friday, November 13th
- *Thanksgiving Recess - November 25th – 27th

Enjoy this wonderful fall weather! –Alisa Finck

