

## SECOND GRADE NEWS

The Second Graders have had a very busy month of learning in May. The students took their first standardized test, the NJ Pass, during the week of May 10<sup>th</sup>. The NJ Pass consists of two parts, Language Arts and Mathematics. They dressed as famous Americans on May 19<sup>th</sup> for VIP Day. The Very Important People listened to the students read biographies which they wrote about the following Americans: Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, Paul Revere, Johnny Appleseed, Sacagawea, Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Edison, Henry Ford, Helen Keller, Amelia Earhart, Walt Disney, and Martin Luther King Jr.. The Second Graders performed in the Talent Show on May 21<sup>st</sup> by singing "Yankee Doodle". We enjoyed a class trip to the Raritan Valley Community College Planetarium on May 25<sup>th</sup> to watch a show about the planets.

Our Spelling tests in May have included compound words and contractions. We have learned about nouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs in Language Arts. We are finishing our last chapter in Phonics about prefixes, synonyms, antonyms, and homonyms.

We have been learning about geometry and fractions in Math. Our next Math chapter is about measurement of length, weight, and temperature.

Earth and Space is the title of our Science chapter that we are reading. We will learn how the Earth, sun, and moon move, what we can see in the night sky and the sky during the day, what causes seasons to change, and what the solar system is.

The students will be completing a Planet Project in Science which will be due on June 14<sup>th</sup>. The Planet Project will include a research report and a model of his/her planet. More information about this project is being sent home today.

The Second Graders have enjoyed reading many Magic Tree House books by Mary Pope Osborne this year. The books we have finished reading include Civil War on Sunday, Revolutionary War on Wednesday, Twister on Tuesday, and Earthquake in the Early Morning. Each of these books is based on a historical event in America. We will be reading two more Magic Tree House books in June, Midnight on the Moon and Afternoon on the Amazon. The class is listening to the book, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl during snack time.

The students are excited about their class trip to the Philadelphia Zoo on June 8<sup>th</sup>. They are looking forward to seeing all of the animals. It should be a fun day of learning!