

October 2017

Hello Second Grade Families!

October is here, and we are settling into our classroom with routines and procedures.

In Math, we have been continuing to work with 2 digit and 3 digit numbers, and we are practicing building these numbers, writing them in word form, standard form, and expanded form. Here's an example so you can talk with your student about these different ways to write numbers:

Standard Form	Word Form	Expanded Form
123	One hundred twenty three	$100 + 20 + 3$

In Reading, we have been practicing the skill of asking and answering questions before, during and after reading. We are really having great conversations in class about the literature by using this skill! We have also starting comparing and contrasting stories and characters. Please continue having your student read each night for 20 minutes.

Remember that Literacy Night is coming up on October 19th! It will be a night of fun, families, food, and fairy tales! Come join us!

Our social skill for the month of October is encouragement! We have been discussing how positive words of encouragement can help others feel brave and safe in our classroom to share their ideas! We are learning how to give positive feedback as we share our personal narrative stories during Writing.

Ms. Young

#### October 17' Counselor's Corner

Dear Families, as the year progresses, some students are experiencing more upset during their school day. This can be the result of different things such as increased academic rigor, an argument with a friend or maybe a challenging recess time. One important tool that students can use during moments of upset is the Safe Place.

Every classroom has a Safe Place and it is meant to be a space that students can go when they're having upset. After going to the Safe Place they have time to go through the steps of: I Calm, I Feel, I Choose and I Solve. Please join us in encouraging your student to practice taking a break and calming themselves. This will help keep their brain in the best possible state for

learning. Practicing this at home will help strengthen this important skill for success at school. We hope that the habit of taking a break will lay the foundation to a positive school year.