



# 2nd Grade Gazette

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## NWEA Testing

The weeks of October 5th and October 12th all Second Graders will be taking the NWEA test. This is a new test at every level this year, and we are encouraging the students to do their best.

### Dates to Remember:

**10/5-10/9: NWEA testing**

**10/9: End of 9 weeks**

**10/9: Parks Dept. visit**

**10/12-10/16: NWEA testing**

**10/20: Parent Teacher Conferences**

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**10/23-10/26: Fall Break**

**10/30: Pumpkin Day in the Morning (Volunteers needed)**

## Monarch Butterflies

Students have been monitoring the Monarch Migration, and have been learning about the life cycles of these insects. We will soon be sending our symbolic Monarchs to Mexico for the winter. They will stay in Mexico all winter and we will receive more symbolic butterflies in the Spring.

## Parks Department Visit



Courtney the naturalist from Oxbow park presented about insects. He brought toasted mealworms for the kids to try. Some of us were very brave and tried the barbeque, cheddar cheese or Mexican spice worms.

## 2nd Grade Curriculum for October

**Writing:** We have moved into opinion writing, and will be composing book reviews.

**Math:** We will be introducing place value strategies. We will use these strategies to practice our addition and subtraction math facts. We

will also be introducing number lines to help with number sense.

**Reading:** Story structure will be a focus this month. This includes being able to identify the components of the beginning, middle, and end of

the story. We will also be working with common and proper nouns and contractions.

**Spelling:** We will be having students identify and spell short and long vowel sounds in words.

## 2nd Grade October Birthdays: Happy birthday everyone!!!

October 13th-Tristan Juroff

October 14th- Scot and Stuart Bontrager

October 15th- Brayden Hershberger

October 15th- Heidi Yoder

October 18th- Ethan Saucedo

October 19th- Gloria Checkley

October 27th- Dean Weaver

October 30th- Triston Black



Pumpkin Day will be October 30. More information will be coming out soon!