

We're Going Back To School



Reading: Our next unit in reading is **Distinguishing Details**. In this study of nonfiction, students learn to distinguish between information provided by pictures and words, using illustrations and details to describe key ideas.

Our next focus in our **Word Study** instruction are final endings. This is useful for beginning readers and spellers to learn because they appear frequently in words, and their meanings are easy to understand and remember.

Writing: We began our **Opinion Unit** in writing. Students are learning how to distinguish between facts and opinions, and recognizing the opinions of others. Students will continue to use sequential language to organize their writing. We will be practicing writing introductions, giving relevant reasons and writing a closing statement. We will also continue to focus on grammatical accuracy.

Math: In **Everyday Math Unit 6**, we will begin with an introduction to telling time using an analog clock and “equivalent names” where students represent a given quantity in several different ways. This unit will also expand on place value and practice number stories using double digits.

Social Studies: We have started our unit on **Connections through Geography**. Students will develop an understanding of geographic tools on maps and globes to represent places, and learn how to read a map using cardinal directions, boundaries and labels. Your child will also to recite his/her address including city, state, and country.

We are beginning unit 3 in our **Second Step** curriculum which focuses on **Managing Emotions**. Your child is learning that some feelings are strong and need to be managed. You can manage strong feelings by saying “Stop,” naming the

feeling, then using belly breathing and positive self-talk to calm down. This is important because when children have strong feelings, they have a harder time thinking clearly and paying attention. When children are calm, they are able to learn.

We would greatly appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to complete the Panorama family survey. The link can be found here:

www.adams12.org/FamilySurvey Thanks in advance for your time and input!

Important Dates:

Eco-Cycle (virtual) - Thursday 2/4

Conferences (virtual) - Thursday 2/11 from 3:20-7:20

Friday 2/12 from 8:00-12:00 **No School on Friday**

President's Day - no school 2/15

101st Day of 1st Grade - Thursday 2/25