

Adding compost to the garden in preparation for Fall Planting!





2<sup>nd</sup> graders loving Nacho Day!



Dear 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Families,

October 6th, 2017

**It's parent-teacher conference time! Please sign –up for a conference with Ms. Browning or Ms. Jackson! We look forward to talking with you about your child's learning.**

**Ms. Browning has sent a Sign-Up Genius by email. Please let her know if you did not receive it.**

**Ms. Jackson has sent a form home with the Reading Log.**

**SNACKS:**

**Please remember to send a healthy snack with your child every day. If you have a water bottle at home that you can send to school, we like to have them on hand for everyday use and field trips.**

**What are we learning?**

**2<sup>nd</sup> grade's theme is SYSTEMS. We are beginning our focus on Earth Systems!**

**Speaking of systems: Both Ms. Browning and Ms. Jackson use a money system in their classes. Students receive money (fake money that is) for staying on task, doing the right things, completing work and class jobs, and much more. Money can be spent to buy privileges and prizes. This system helps us to teach a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade standard Time and Money. Students learn the value of coins and counting money helps to practice math facts, and addition and subtraction.**

**Responsive Classroom:**

- Morning Meeting and Closing Circles
- Learning how to use our class supplies, math and reading materials independently
- Creating a classroom environment where we can learn, make new friends, respect each other and have fun!

**Writing Workshop:**

Both classes are beginning a Writing Workshop Non-Fiction Unit next week. We will be writing books about something that we want to learn more about!

**Upcoming Confirmed Field Trips and Special Events are:**

- **Field Trip to De Young Museum on Thursday October 19th - leave school at 9am.**  
Art project will begin at 10:30am and your guided tour will begin at 11:30am, and the program will conclude by 12:30pm.  
**Address:** 50 Hagiwara Tea Garden Dr, San Francisco, CA 94118
- **Field Trip to Slide Ranch on Tuesday November 14th - leave school at 9am.**  
Focus is on plants and ecosystems. Activities include: Goat milking and pasture exploration, Sensory garden exploration, Cooking from the garden, Honeybee investigation  
**Address:** 2025 Shoreline Hwy, Muir Beach, CA 94965

*Please remember to support the SMART Fund through which the Willow Creek Foundation provides funding for Classroom Support, Music, Art, Reading and Languages, and Technology to the Willow Creek Academy. You may make donations online on the Fundraising tab of the WCA website or by cash and check at the front office. All donations 100% tax deductible and will be put to use in the classrooms.*

*For 5-8th grade classes: "Did you know that WCF is now funding the Outward Bound program? If you are able to, please increase your donation to SMART by \$350 per child you have in these grades.*

Thank you for being such wonderful and supportive parents!  
Ms. Browning and Ms. Jackson