

# The Hancock Herald

Mrs. Hancock, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

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## Voyages!

We continued to learn about Moses and the children of Israel during our Voyages this week. We read about the Exodus and God's protection of His people. We know that because God is loving and caring, He uses His great power for His people. He helps us and delivers us when we are in trouble.

## Look for...

Today your child brought home next week's pattern word spelling list. These words will be tested on Friday. There are 12 pattern spelling words and three challenge words. The challenge words are optional. Memory work is also included. Memory work is to be recited on Wed. and Fri. mornings. A copy of memory and spelling words can be downloaded from our school website.

## Week Nine

This week the second graders read the story *Ronald Morgan Goes to Bat* which is about a boy who wasn't the best at playing baseball, but he had a lot of team spirit. We used this story to discuss the genre of realistic fiction. We also examined how realistic fiction differs from fantasy stories.



... You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

For our writing this week, we began the process of creating "how to" reports. The first assignment was to write about making a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. We started with a graphic organizer to help put our steps in sequence, and then put the steps into paragraph form. We had some fun making a PBJ based on the directions that the students had written. We will continue working on our "how to" skills next week also. Our word work for this week covered contractions. We also learned the definition of proper nouns, and that they require capital letters whenever we write them.

Our extra words for the week were as follows:

### Amazing Words:

compete, contribute, recreation, deserve, mope, actuate, aloft, tinker

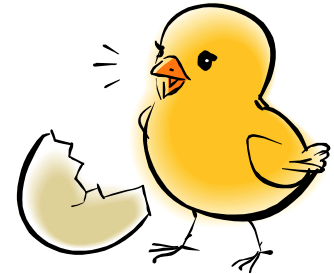
### High Frequency Words:

you're, second, great, either, laugh, certainly, worst

We finished our math unit on graphing by comparing data in graph and table forms, learning about ranges and modes, and using graphs to help problem solve. Next week we begin our unit on money.

This week in science we examined life cycles of plants and animals and their four distinct stages of birth, growth, reproduction, and death. We looked at the development of a chick inside an egg, and made our

own model with a plastic egg, cotton balls, and a yellow pom pom.



## Extra, Extra...

Today is the last day of the first quarter (Do you believe it?!). First quarter report cards will be sent home on Monday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Our St. John students have been working at composting and recycling in the lunch room. We want to leave as little garbage as possible. Thank you for keeping this in mind as you pack your child's lunch. I have noticed many recyclable items in the second grade lunch boxes.

It seems as though some big germs have hit the second grade room. I am sorry that I missed two days of school this week, but I didn't want to share what I had with my wonderful second graders. We will continue to be diligent with hand washing, coughing into elbows, and cleaning desks, in our attempts to keep everyone as healthy as possible.

Have a healthy weekend!

Mrs. Hancock

Leviticus 19:1-2