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# The Buoy

Dorado, Sea Turtle, Tarpon

## Poetry Slam

*The second grade is proud to invite you to our first annual poetry slam.*

**What:** Second grade poets reading selections from their newly created poetry anthologies.

**When:** Thursday, March 10  
6:00-6:20: Café Social  
6:20-7:00: Poetry Reading

**Where:** Sigsbee Café (AKA: the cafeteria)

We need food and drink donations for the Café Social. Please visit our Poetry Slam Please Bring It site at:

<http://sigsbeetarpon.pleasebringit.com/public/ZUBsBU5Ygc8> to sign up to donate a food or drink item. Please send all donations into school by Wednesday, March 9. *Thank you!*

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## Readers' Workshop

Many students are working on summarizing the stories they read. As you read with your child, encourage them to orally summarize the story for you. Ensure they include the setting, characters names, and important events. Encourage your child to use transition words (first, next, then, finally) as they summarize.

## Math

A second grade expectation is to become fluent in addition and subtraction math facts. Some students are zooming through Rocket Math and will soon begin to work on subtraction facts. If your child doesn't pass a level, please be sure to practice for 5-10 minutes a night.

We've begun our work on multiple digit subtraction with regrouping. Most students are using manipulatives to solve the subtraction problems; soon, they'll learn how to perform the algorithm abstractly.

## Writers' Workshop

Our unit on poetry has emphasized how poets look at the world in a new way. We've worked on strategies for taking big feelings and packaging them into descriptions of small moments. Children have been experimenting with onomatopoeia, repetition, patterning, and line breaks. You're sure to enjoy some interesting poems at our upcoming poetry slam.

## Science

Our study of the sea will focus on the conditions necessary for a healthy coral reef habitat and how changes in weather conditions can impact life on the reef. We're currently studying elements of weather including the affects of the sun's rays, air pressure, moisture, and wind. Soon, we'll begin our investigations of a coral reef habitat.

