The Second Grade Chronicle
Mrs. McCormick, and Mrs. Gamble-Bennett

We are Learning a lot This Month!

**Reading/Language Arts**
We will continue to read selections in our 3rd reading theme: “Around Town: Neighborhood and Community”.

**Phonics:** Vowel Pairs: ow, ou, Suffixes –ly, -ful

**Theme Skills:** Inference

**Comprehension Strategies:** Evaluate, Monitor/Clarify

**Vocabulary:** Using Context

**Writing:** Personal Narrative

**Grammar:** Nouns that Change Spelling in the Plural

**Sensational Science, Social Studies & Health**
This month we will be covering:

- **Science:**
  - Physical Science:
  - Properties of Matter

- **Social Studies:**
  - Our Country Today

- **Health:**
  - Your Growing Body and Caring for Your Body

**Magnificent Math**
Some of the key skills we will be learning are:
- Measurement
- Place Value
- Number Sense

Make math part of your child’s day.

- Point out to your child the many ways in which math is used in everyday activities.
- Encourage your child to tell or show you how he or she uses math in everyday life.
- Include your child in everyday activities that involve math – making purchases, measuring ingredients, counting out plates and utensils for dinner.
- Play games and do puzzles with your child that involve math. They may focus on direction or time, logic and reasoning, sorting, or estimating.
- Do math problems with your child for fun.
- In addition to math tools, such as a ruler and a calculator, use handy household objects, such as a measuring cup and containers of various shapes and sizes, when doing math with your child.

“WHY CAN’T I SKIP MY 20 MINUTES OF READING TONIGHT?”
The more children read, the better they become at reading. It’s as simple as that. The more enjoyable the materials they read are, the more they’ll stick with them and develop the reading skills that they’ll need to be successful. Reading books, magazines or websites, exposes kids to new vocabulary. Even when they don’t understand every new word, they absorb something from the context that may deepen their understanding of it the next time the word is encountered.

Reading continues to be both a vital skill for children to master, and an important source of knowledge and pleasure that can last a lifetime.
Dear Parents,

My name is Dorette Gamble-Bennett and I am really glad to welcome you and your child to my classroom this year. I graduated from York College in New York in 1996. This will be my thirteenth year at Magnolia. I have taught kindergarten through third grade and fifth grade last year.

I am looking forward to meeting as well as knowing each student in my class and their parents too. This year will be a challenging one for your children as compared to last year, however, I will try to make the classes more interesting as well as easier, so that each child understands as well as enjoys them. Moreover, I do not just want to stick to academics. Rather, I am planning activities to develop the creative skills and interests of students. I hope to make this academic year, an educational as well as a fun-filled year for the students.

If you would like to meet me to discuss your child's performance or any other problems that he/she is facing in class, you can feel free to meet me Tuesday-Thursday, between 7:45 to 8:30am. It will be appreciated if you call to make an appointment before coming in for a meeting. Apart from this, you can also send me a note in your child's agenda book to discuss any concern you have about your child.

Yours Sincerely,

Dorette Gamble-Bennett