

# HELLO February

## Grade 2 Newsletter

### Into Reading Module 4: Once Upon a Time!

In this module, children will explore both traditional and contemporary stories. Some of these stories may already be familiar, but they are presented with fresh and engaging twists. Children will discover that stories communicate important messages to readers. Through the characters' experiences, they will learn that, like real people, characters make mistakes and grow from them. Readers can gain valuable lessons by reflecting on the choices and actions of these characters.

This month, students will use their imagination to write a narrative story. They will create a story about an imaginary friend or an imaginary place, describing what happens and who is involved. Students will practice organizing their ideas with a beginning, middle, and ending, while including details about characters and setting.

### Math: Savvas enVision - Numbers to 1,000

In this topic, your child is learning to read and write numbers to 1,000. Your child will use place value, or the value of each digit in a number, to identify and record 3-digit numbers in expanded, standard, and word form. Your child will also learn how to skip count by 5s, 10s, and 100s on a number line, and compare numbers using place value and a number line. He or she will also be using mathematical reasoning involving place value to solve problems.

### Social Studies: New York City Over Time

Essential Question: How and why do communities change over time?

This month, second-grade students will explore the essential question: How and why do communities change over time? Through stories, photographs, maps, and class discussions, students will learn how New York City has grown and changed from the past to today. They will compare what life was like long ago to life now and discover reasons communities change, such as new buildings, transportation, and the needs of people. Students will practice asking questions, sharing ideas, and using evidence to explain how communities adapt and grow over time.

### Black History Month Learning Focus

During Black History Month, second-grade students will learn about the lives and contributions of important Black Americans who have helped shape our communities and our country. Through read-alouds, discussions, and age-appropriate activities, students will explore how these individuals showed courage, creativity, and leadership. Students will also learn how people in the past worked to make communities fairer and better for everyone. This learning supports students in understanding history, respecting different cultures, and recognizing how individuals can create positive change.

### Important Dates

Keepin' it Real 90's Day: February 2, 2026

Mid-Winter Break - No school: February 16, 2026 - February 20, 2026

100<sup>th</sup> Day of School: February 23, 2026