



# 1st & 2nd Grade Explorers

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**Dear Families,**

**Dress Up Days:** Friday the 29th is our first Hawaiian Day. Monday the 3rd will be pajama day to celebrate Read Across America. This day is in celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday. They can bring pillows, stuffed toys, blankets, and their favorite Dr. Seuss books. Please remember when you send them to school that they will still be going outside for recess.

**Expedition:** We will be immersing our students in our narrowed topic, the study of water. Our focus will be on our guiding questions: How does my water get here? Where does my water go? Some of the major concepts we will focus on will be: the water cycle, movement of water through the earth, and our watershed.

**First Grade Math:** Money, money, money, and fractions are the concepts we are exploring this week. Also, we will be practicing 'What's my rule?' tables. The algebraic sense behind understanding 'What's my rule?' tables can be challenging. Please know when we introduce them to these challenging skills it is just an introduction to build a foundation of math knowledge.

**Second Grade Math:** We will be exploring data and exposing the student to the concepts of median (middle value), frequency tables, line plots, and bar graphs.

**Auction: Reminder:** Your pre-registration is due March 4th. It is really important to turn this in instead of buying tickets at the auction because there is a limited amount of dinner tickets available for purchase. Don't forget to sign up to volunteer!

**Design Principal #5 Success and Failure:** All students need to be successful if they are to build the confidence and capacity to take risks and meet increasingly difficult challenges. But it is also important for students to learn from their failures, to persevere when things are hard, and to learn to turn disabilities into opportunities.

**Thanks for reading!**