



# OUR 2<sup>ND</sup> CLASSROOM NEWS

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## Upcoming Events

- Mon., 10/31 - Halloween Party
- Thurs., 11/3 - 1:32 Dismissal
- Thurs., 11/10 - 1:32 Dismissal
- Thurs., 11/17 - Parent/Teacher Conferences  
- 1:32 Dismissal
- Mon., 11/21 - Parent/Teacher Conferences  
- 1:32 Dismissal
- Tues. 11/22 - 1:32 Dismissal
- Wed. 11/23 - No School

## Science

We finished up our Solids and Liquids science investigations this week by looking at the effects of heating and cooling on solids. We discovered that there are some solids (like chocolate, ice, and margarine) that can change from a solid state to a liquid state by heating it. This is called melting. Then we found out that some of these changes are reversible, meaning that they can go back to their solid state by cooling or freezing it. Ask your child to tell you the investigations s/he enjoyed the most.

## Our Week of Learning

**Reading** - This week we enjoyed a realistic fiction story about 2 children who made discoveries while looking for berries.

*Around the Pond* told of clues the children found in nature, leading us to guess what animals had been there. We worked on classifying and sorting skills, as well as worked on words with closed syllables (rabbit, dish, trunk, etc.) Next week we will read an informational story about a real life urban park ranger, *Exploring Parks With Ranger Dockett*.

**Math** - We are finishing up Chapter 3 this week. The children will be taking the Chapter 3 assessment on Tuesday, November 1. There is a study guide in your child's homework folder that will help him/her prepare for this assessment. I am looking for the thinking and processing the children go through to solve a problem, not just a correct answer.

**Writing** - We finished up our Narrative Writing Unit of Study this week by applying many of the craft moves in a final piece of writing. The children were asked to think about something that happened to them in the fall. Then, they were to focus on that small moment, and create a piece of writing that was organized, detailed, had a strong beginning and conclusion, and used strong, descriptive words. Whew! Then, they had to put on the editing hat and make sure their story had correct capitals, punctuation, and (for the most part) correct spelling. This was a lot to ask of my second grade writers, but many of them rose to the challenge. I will be sharing this writing with you at conferences.

## Specials

**MON. DAY 6 PE/SS**  
**TUES. DAY 1 MUSIC**  
**WED. DAY 2 MEDIA**  
**THURS. DAY 3 PE/SS**  
**FRI. DAY 4 MUSIC**

Our Halloween Party will be Monday afternoon, approximately 2:15. The children can bring costumes to wear. The costumes should be such that they can put them on and take them off pretty much by themselves. Please remember: no makeup, costumes, or hair coloring should be worn to school. The school is requesting no clown costumes this year.

