

Our 2nd Grade Classroom News



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Upcoming Events

- 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

(I look forward to seeing you at conferences.)

Science

We began our second science unit this week, Insects and Plants. The focus of this unit will be on the different life cycles of several insects and a plant. This week we looked at the mealworm. Everyone had the opportunity to set up a habitat for two mealworms. See if your child can tell you the basic needs of their mealworms. They are in the larva stage right now. We will be observing them closely, looking for changes to happen.

Our Week of Learning

Reading - Our focus this week was on fables. We looked at the elements of a fable. (See if your child can tell you what these elements are.) We read a variety of fables and discussed how the morals can teach us a lesson. Have your child tell you his/her favorite fable.

Word Study - Our word study focus this week was on long o digraphs (oa, ow, oe). The children read fluency passages focusing on the long o digraph and practiced spelling the words.

Math - We are finishing up Chapter 4. The children have a variety of strategies to use to solve 2-digit addition problems, including the standard algorithm many of us use. They have worked on setting up the problems vertically **and** can add four or more 2-digit numbers. They will be taking the Chapter 4 assessment on Tuesday, November 22. You will find a chapter review in his/her homework folder. When we return from Thanksgiving Break we will start Chapter 5, focusing on 2-digit subtraction.

Writing - 2E children have been thinking and reflecting on what they are thankful for. Our class "thanks" can be found on the ramp on the way up to the media center and in our hallway. They also shared with me their "opinions" as to what I should serve at my Thanksgiving dinner. This was a great lead in to our next writing unit, Opinion Writing.

Specials

Mon. Day 3 PE/SS

Tues. Day 4 Music

Wed. No School

Thurs. Thanksgiving

Fri. No school

Mon. Day 5 Art

Tues. Day 6 PE/SS

Wed. Day 1 Music

Thurs. Day 2 Media

Fri. Day 3 PE/SS

