



# Our 2nd Grade Classroom News

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## Our Week in a Glance



**Writing Workshop:** We switched our writing focus this week to realistic fiction. The children are excited to write a story with made up characters. After discussing the characteristics of a realistic fiction story, the children brainstormed possible story ideas. After choosing an idea, they started to plan their story by drawing the characters and setting. Next week, the children will finish planning their stories. Ask your child about their realistic fiction story. What is it going to be about?

**Reading:** During reading, our focus has also switched back to fiction. In this fiction unit, we will focus on the overall structure of a story. While reading a story, the children will be asked to think about the most important things that happened in the beginning, middle, and end of that story. They will be encouraged to find the most important events in each part that connect back to the problem in the story or what the character wanted the most. They will also be asked to think about the characters in their reading a little more. We will be discussing how the characters in a story respond to major events or challenges. Later in the unit, the children will try to determine the theme of a story, its central message, lesson, or moral. We will be busy, busy, busy!

**Math:** In math, we started Unit 4. Unit 4 focuses on measurement. In this unit, the children will:

- Estimate, measure, and compare the lengths of objects in inches, feet, and yards
- Select and use the appropriate tool for measuring the length of an object
- Measure the length of an object twice, using two different units—such as inches the first time, then feet.

We will also continue to practice adding and subtracting 2 & 3-digits numbers with & without regrouping.

## This & That

### • Special Schedule for next week:

Monday - Art  
Tuesday - Music  
Wednesday - Library  
Thursday - STEM

- Birthday wishes go out to Abel & Trevor this month. Abel will celebrate his birthday on the 28th and Trevor will celebrate his on the 30th. Happy Birthday, you two! We hope you both have an awesome day!



- There will be **no school** on **Friday, January 13th** and **Monday, January 16th**.
- The children will be taking the winter **MAP Assessments next week**. Math will be on Tuesday and Reading will be on Thursday. Please make sure your child gets a good night's rest.
- Calling all Room 10 Guest Readers - Calendars for February and March are ready for guest readers to sign up!

- **Congratulations, Adalee!** She is our **Star Student** of the Week.

