



Our 2nd Grade Classroom News

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Our Week in a Glance



Writing Workshop: This week, the children continued to try their hand at poetry. At the beginning of the week, they wrote a mouth-watering poem about three of their favorite foods. Then we read a book called *Someday* written by Eileen Spinelli. In the book, a young girl shares her dreams for the future, so this inspired the children to think about what their own plans are for someday.

Reading: This week, the children were introduced to main idea and key details. We focused on reading an informational passage and looking for key words that were repeated. This helped us to form a main idea. Then we looked back in the passage for the key details that would support our main idea.

Math: We started each math session by solving some 2 and 3-digit addition and subtraction problems with and without regrouping. The children were encouraged to use the expanded form to help with regrouping. We also started to work on finding the perimeter and area of different shapes. Ask your child what is the perimeter of a shape and what is the area of a shape.

Unit Activity: *What Are the Mystery Substances?*

This week, the children were posed with the question: *What happens when the water "disappears"?* I shared some of the petri dishes that were left on the counter from when we mixed a teaspoon of water with a teaspoon of each of the mystery substances. The children looked at the substances that were left behind and recorded their new observations. This led to the discovery of another one of our mystery substances: sugar. Then we went back to the question of what happened to the water. After some discussion and watching a video, the children came to the realization that the water evaporated. They learned that with heat or sunlight, water disappears or evaporates. To end the week, the children were asked to help me in deciding if an ice cube is a solid or a liquid. What do they think?

This & That

- **Special Schedule for next week:**
Monday - No School
Tuesday - Music
Wednesday - Library
Thursday - STEM
Friday - P.E.
- No School on Monday, March 27th. It is an inservice day.



• Thank you to everyone that sent in class snacks. They are greatly appreciated!

- STEAM EXPO & Talent Show
Tonight: 6-8 pm in the All-purpose Room. Kudos to all the children that shared their talents!

