



Our 2nd Grade Classroom News

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Our Week in a Glance



Writing Workshop: This week, we returned to informational writing. The children started to research an animal of their choice. Once they have collected information about what their animal looks like, what it eats, where it lives, and how it protects itself, they will INFORM their readers. INFORM is an acronym we will be using when writing our informational reports.

Include a clever beginning to introduce your topic

Name facts in the body of your writing

Follow the facts with supporting details/sentences

Organize your writing and use transition words

Refer to the topic and include key vocabulary

Make a closing paragraph related to your topic

Ask your child what animal they chose to research.

Reading: We continued practicing main idea and key details. We read several short passages and together we worked on identifying the main idea and at least three key details that support that main idea. The children were encouraged to pay close attention to the titles, headings, and pictures. They were to look for clue words that repeated, and at the first or last sentences for clues as well.

Math: In math, the children continued to estimate and measure the area of several shapes. The children worked on developing more efficient counting strategies by thinking of area as repeated addition of rows or columns.

Unit Activity: *What Are the Mystery Substances?*

This week, the children were posed with the question:
How do the powders react with ice?

In this investigation, the children observed what happened when an ice cube was mixed with the mystery substances. They noticed how some of the substances melted the ice faster than others. This led them to identify yet another one of our mystery substances as salt.

This & That

- **Special Schedule for next week:**
Monday - Art
Tuesday - Music
Wednesday - Library
Thursday - STEM

- We have a birthday to celebrate in April! Birthday wishes go out to Sam. Sam will celebrate his birthday on the 8th
Happy Birthday, Sam!



- Thank you for all the class snacks! They are greatly appreciated.
- KUDOS to Adalee and Trevor for taking part in the Ferguson STEAM EXPO & Talent Show. Way to go you two!
- There is **no school next Friday, April 7th.**
- Calling all guest readers. The April Guest Reader Calendar is ready. We welcome moms, dads, grandmas, grandpas, aunts, and uncles.

