



Our 2nd Grade Classroom News

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Our Week in a Glance



Writing Workshop: During writing, the children finished gathering information for their animal research project, and they were ready to begin writing their report. They started with an introduction in which they were encouraged to write a beginning that would catch a reader's attention and let them know what they would be learning about. Ask your child how they chose to start their animal report. Have them share some of the interesting facts they learned about their animal.

Reading: The children continued identifying the main idea and key details for several passages they read this week. At the end of the week, we started focusing on comparing and contrasting two nonfiction texts using a Venn diagram.

Math: In math, we read the story *A Cloak for the Dreamer*. This story helped to set the stage for the children to explore shapes and fractions of shapes by creating paper patchwork quilt blocks which fit together to create new shapes and many different patterns. We will be wrapping up this geometry unit next week.

Unit Activity: *What Are the Mystery Substances?*

This week, the children were posed with the question:

How can we speed up the melting of an ice cube?

The children worked in pairs for this investigation. They were tasked in creating a plan to find a way to speed up the melting of an ice cube. Ask your child about their plan. How did their plan work? How long did it take to melt their ice cube? What changes would they make to their plan?

After the children finished their investigations, we gathered to discuss the results. We made the claim that heat was needed to melt the ice cube faster. The plan that melted the ice cube the fastest was by putting it in a bowl of hot/warm water. Ask your child about their plan.



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- **Special Schedule for next week:**
Monday - P.E.
Tuesday - Art
Wednesday - Music
Thursday - Library
Friday - STEM
- **PTO Spring Book Fair** - April 19th (4-7pm), 20th (4-7pm) and 21st (5-9pm)
- **PTO Movie Night** - Friday, April 21st at TBD in the courtyard.

