



Our 2nd Grade Classroom News

The Week of January 4-8, 2021

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Highlights from the Week

Math: In math, we started Unit 5. In this unit, your child will:

- Represent numbers using groups of 1s, 10s, and 100s to demonstrate an understanding of place value to 1,000
- Use models, sketches, and numbers to add and subtract within 1,000
- Mentally add and subtract multiples of 10 and 100 to and from any number within 1,000
- Solve money story problems involving pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters using correct notation

Reading Workshop:

During reading time, our focus has switched back to fiction. In this 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!

Writing Workshop:

We also 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 helped brainstorm possible story ideas. Next week, they will begin planning their stories.

Word Study:

This week, we focused on adding the suffixes *-ed* and *-ing* to words. The children learned that sometimes you need to drop the silent e at the end of a word before adding the suffixes. They also learned that sometimes you need to double the last consonant before adding a suffix. Ask your child to give you an example of a word that you would need to double the last letter before adding the suffix.

This & That

- There is **no school** on **Monday, January 18th**. It is an Inservice Day.
- Birthday wishes go out to Isaac this month. Isaac will be celebrating his birthday on the 25th. Happy Birthday, Isaac! We hope you have an awesome day!
- **Special Schedule:** P.E. continues with Mr. Treece.



IMPORTANT: We are returning to in-person learning next week. As a reminder, the [PA. Dept. of Health's order](#) for traveling requires anyone who has traveled out-of-state to have a negative COVID-19 test result upon returning to the commonwealth. In our case, students and employees must have a negative result to enter any SCASD building. If a test is not completed, they must quarantine for 10 days upon returning to Pennsylvania.