



Our 2nd Grade Classroom News

The Week of October 12-16, 2020

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Our Week of Learning



Highlights from the Week:

Math:

This week in math, the children worked on representing numbers to 100 (and beyond) with unifix cubes in groups of tens and ones. Later in the week, the children worked on solving a collection of base ten riddles. They even wrote their own number riddles for each other to solve.

Reading Workshop:

Our focus during reading this week has been on Accountable Talk. The children learned that when they want to talk about a book, they want to make sure that what they say helps improve the understanding of everyone in the discussion. To help the children, I shared a variety of sentence starters they could use to boost their conversation about a book they are reading. We practiced using these sentence starters with our class read aloud. We also practiced using the sentence starters to write a reflection about our reading for the day. You can encourage your child to use some of these sentence starters when they talk to you about their own reading at home.

Make a statement: I think, I noticed, I liked how...

Ask a question: what do you think about...? why do you think the author...? why did...?

Agree/Disagree: I agree with _____ because..., I disagree with ___ because..., I have a similar thought about...

Refer to the text: In the text it says..., I noticed on page..., According to the text...

Writing Workshop:

Throughout the week, the children helped me fix and fancy up my small moment story. They helped me write an engaging lead, push down the page with details, add some transition words to make my story flow, add interesting and stronger words, and write an interesting ending for my story. Of course, their job was to fix and fancy their own stories as well. At the end of the week, the children had fun writing a speech or thought bubble for a pumpkin character they created. The fun pumpkin patch will be displayed on the bulletin board outside our classroom.

This & That

- Thank you for signing up for a conference time. The children do not need to attend the conference.
- Unfortunately, Ferguson will not be having its typical Fall Festival with costumes and a parade. In its place, some Spirit Days are being planned for the three days we are in school that week. I will share more information next week.
- **Special schedule:** The children will continue to have P.E. until next Thursday, Oct. 22nd. They will start STEM on Friday, Oct. 23rd.
- For in-person students: We are looking for plastic crates or small laundry baskets to put beside the students' desks. This will help hold all their materials that do not fit in their desks. Plus, with the colder weather approaching, they can put their coats and other items in the crate or basket. We would appreciate any help! Thank you!

Schedule for Remote Learners

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| 8:10 | Login & Attendance |
| 8:10-10:40 | Morning Meeting Math Reading Workshop |
| 12:00-12:50 | Special - P.E. |
| 12:55-2:10 | Mrs. Wiessmann Writing Workshop Word Study Wrap Up |