



# Our 2nd Grade Classroom News

The Week of September 21-25, 2020

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## Our Week of Learning

**Returning to In-Person Learning:** Since we will be returning to in-person learning next week, the children will need to return with the learning materials they brought home. On Monday, the children should bring back their learning boxes, with the materials they brought home when we first went remote. On Tuesday, the children should bring back the materials you just picked up this week. If you still have the big Weis bag from when we went all remote, that would be perfect for your child to use to tote things back and forth to school. Again, I appreciate all your help and support.

### Highlights from the Week:

**Math:** In math, the children continued to develop their fluency with number facts to 20. We have been focusing on several adding strategies: Add Zero Facts, Make Ten Facts, Count On Facts, Doubles Facts, Doubles Plus or Minus One Facts, and Add Nine Facts.

**Reading Workshop:** This week during reading, we focused on how strong readers STOP and THINK about their reading. To help with this skill, we used our class read aloud, James and the Giant Peach. After reading a couple pages, we would stop, think, and retell. The children were then encouraged to practice it with their own reading. This is a great skill the children can practice at home as well. Have your child read a couple pages in their book, then stop, think and retell!

**Writing Workshop:** Many of the children have been working on the middle part of their small moment stories. They have been doing a nice job with making their characters move or talk, using strong words, or by pushing down the page with details. Later in the week, we focused on the ending part of the story. The children learned that authors try to find an interesting way to end their stories. Maybe they would end with a thought or feeling, a lesson learned, a hope, or an update. Ask your child how he/she decided to end their small moment story.

**Caterpillars:** Ask your child about our caterpillar habitat. What has been happening to our caterpillars throughout the week?



## This & That

- We have an October birthday coming up. Birthday wishes go out to Case. He will be celebrating his 8th birthday on the 12th of October. Happy Birthday, Case!
- Our special for the next nine school days is art. The children will be working with Mrs. Stallings. Although she is not new to the district, she is new to Ferguson. Welcome Mrs. Stallings!



## Schedule for Remote Learners

8:10	Login & Attendance
8:10-10:40	Morning Meeting Math Reading Workshop
12:00-12:50	Special - Art
12:55-2:20	Writing Workshop Word Study Other Activities Wrap Up