



Our 2nd Grade Classroom News

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Our Week of Learning

Highlights from the Week:

Math: In math, the children worked on solving several story problems. They needed to decide on an operation for solving the problem (+,-), write the appropriate equation with the answer, and show their thinking.

Reading Workshop: This week, the children continued to practice read, read, read... STOP and THINK! However, we took it one step further by jotting down some of our thinking on sticky notes. We call these Think Marks. The children were encouraged to jot about a funny part, confusing part, favorite part, important part, exciting part, a wondering, a connection, or a prediction. This is a quick way for them to hold onto their thoughts or reactions. Then they can revisit their Think Marks and think, "What was the thought I was having on this page?" Think Marks are a great way to have the children share their thinking with me during individual conferences or with each other during a share time. It is important for the children to be able to talk about their reading. You can encourage your child to use Think Marks at home as well. All they need are some sticky notes. Here are some prompts you can use with your child to encourage the use of Think Marks: "What are you thinking here? What symbol could you use? Jot a quick symbol and keep reading. Then, when they finish reading, go back and have your child share their thinking with you.

Writing Workshop: In writing, we started the week by revising our stories to make them sound even better. We talked about how we can add words to give more details, remove words that are not necessary, or change words to make the story more interesting. Ask your child about his/her revisions. Later in the week, our focus turned to editing. The children made sure their stories made sense and sounded right. They checked for capital letters and ending punctuation, and they used their Snap Word books to check their spelling. Next week, the children will be setting a writing goal.

This & That

- Next Tuesday, the Ferguson 2nd graders will be taking the Math MAP Assessment. They took a similar Math MAP Assessment last winter as a first grader. Please make sure your child gets a good night's rest on Monday night. The children will take a short practice test on Monday to become familiar with the testing format.
- We had our first butterfly emerge from its chrysalis. It was very exciting. Ask your child if it was a male or female and what we named it.
- YIPEE! The children filled the gumball machine again. They will be sharing their favorite book or book character on Monday. They can go into SeeSaw and create a slide to share with the class.



Schedule for Remote Learners

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