



Our 2nd Grade Classroom News

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Our Week of Learning

Highlights from the Week

Math:

In math, the children have been working on strategies based on place value to add fluently with sums to 100. One of the strategies highlighted was the splitting strategy. In this strategy, one would split the numbers into tens and ones. For example, if they were adding $45 + 32$, they would split 45 to 40 and 5 and 32 to 30 and 2. Then they would combine the tens and combine the ones, $70 + 7 = 77$. We also focused on using a number line to solve story problems that require either addition or subtraction with double-digit numbers. This strategy is called the "skip-jump" strategy. The children learned that they can move in both directions on the number line in increments of 1, 5, and 10.

Reading Workshop:

During reading, we have continued looking at text features and how they help us understand our informational texts even more. Later in the week, we learned that it's important not to skip any of the text or text features you come across on the pages in a nonfiction book. The children learned that you can make a plan before reading a section or page with a variety of information. You can read the text first, then the text features or the other way around. It is up to the reader to decide what way works best for them.

Writing Workshop:

We worked on putting the finishing touches on our informational book about Ferguson. We worked on revising each section by making sure we wrote partner sentences for our information as well as including some transition words. We also worked on adding some text features.

Other Highlights:

This week, we read about the American bald eagle. We even made handprint eagles to hang in the hallway. Ask your child what fact they wrote about the bald eagle.

This & That

- We had fun visiting and playing a drawing game with our remote friends. It was nice to see them again for a short time this afternoon.
- We are still in-person Monday & Tuesday, November 23rd and 24th.
- Thanksgiving Break is Wednesday, November 25th through Friday, November 27th. **School is back in session on Monday, November 30th, remotely.**
- There will be no newsletter next week due to the short holiday week.
- **Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!**

