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# Here's What's Happening in Second Grade!

Mrs. Adams' Class

March 23-27, 2015

## Reading

In reading this week we examined several mentor texts in the realistic fiction genre, and focused specifically on their titles, covers, illustrations, and dedication pages. We noticed techniques and strat-

-egies that real authors used and their craft helped us as we added these elements to our own stories. We continued to meet as small guided reading and literature discussion groups to practice reading

strategies and notice elements of realistic fiction. Please continue to read with your child over spring break!

## Writing

We completed our realistic fiction pieces this week by editing and publishing our writing. We learned how to select a title, create a cover page, draw a detailed

illustration, and design a dedication page for someone important. Finally, we reflected on our writing and identified things we did well and things we can improve

on in our next piece. The children had fun sharing their stories with their friends and receiving positive feedback!

## Math

In math this week we learned how to make line plots to represent data that we collected. We created line plots to show the lengths of the armspans of kids in our class. Next, we learned how to identify the minimum, maximum, mode,

median, and range of that data. We also learned how to use an Open Number Line to solve number stories by jumping on or back on the number line to determine an answer. The benefit of using open number lines is that students can decide

how to plot their points and how to move on the number line in a way that is easiest for them. We had our assessment on Unit 9 on Friday and will begin Unit 10 when we return from break. Please continue to work on +/- facts at home.

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## Upcoming Events:

3/30-4/3—Spring Break  
4/6—Reading Club Sheets Due  
4/10—Barrie Spirit Day  
4/30—Milwaukee Museum Field Trip

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## Reminders:

It's hard to believe it is the 4th quarter already! We are in need of pencils for our classroom. If you are able to donate any the students and I would really appreciate it :)

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## Next Week's Specials

Monday: PE

Tuesday: Music

Wednesday: IMC, Art

Thursday: PE

Friday: PE

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## Science

The children wrapped up their science unit on Solids and Liquids this week. After break, they will begin a unit on Weather!



## Social Studies

This week in Social Studies we played a review game to practice what we have learned in the Government Unit. We had our assessment this week and the children brought it home on Thursday. We also reviewed for the Quarter 3 Geography Test which

was given on Thursday. Many children tried the third grade challenge test and did a great job! This test will not be marked on the Quarter 3 report card. We will take the test again at the end of the 4th Quarter and this test will appear on the report card. Thank you for your help at home studying the maps!

## Health/Guidance/Handwriting

We spent some time this week brainstorming ideas for the random act of kindness we will carry out from our 5th grade presentation last week.

The kids came up with some great ideas, and we took a vote on which activity we liked the best. We decided we will do something nice for the

bus driver who will take us to the Milwaukee Public Museum on April 30th. When we come back from break we will begin working on it!

## Special Announcements

Happy Spring Break!  
Go BUCKY!



### Math Game of the Week:

[www.everydaymathonline.com](http://www.everydaymathonline.com)

#### "Money Exchange"

Our next unit will focus on money. The Money Exchange games on the website are great resources for practicing counting coins and making exchanges.

### Ask Your Child:

- What is a median? Minimum? Maximum?
- What is a dedication? Who did you dedicate your story to?