



Here's What's Happening in Second Grade!

Mrs. Adams' Class

March 16-20, 2015

Reading

This week in reading we examined realistic fiction mentor texts to study the author's craft. This allowed us to get ideas for our own writing. For example, we used Owl Moon to give us an idea of how to describe our setting as the introduction to our story. We also learned how to put dialogue into our writing to show two characters talking. The

children found various examples of dialogue added to their own books during independent reading, and we practiced putting in the punctuation marks correctly. We took a closer look at ways to write a creative closing for a realistic fiction piece. We learned how to wrap up our writing by including the main character's feelings, hopes,

memories, or decisions. Finally, we read A Similie Story and learned how authors compare two things to paint a picture in the reader's mind of what is being described. We practiced writing similies of our own and some children may even include them in their own writing! In Word Study, we did a check-up for which High Frequency words the children need the most practice with.

Writing

In writing this week we began drafting our Realistic Fiction pieces. We took several days to do this, so the children could build their draft from their text map.

They began by describing the setting, just like the author of our mentor text, Owl Moon. Our goal was to make the reader feel like they were in our setting. Next, we introduced our characters and explained

the problem. Finally, we drafted the solution and closing. During revising, we learned how to write similies to compare things in a powerful way to describe things using *like* or *as*.

Math

We continued on our journey through the measurement unit this week. We continue to practice measuring to the nearest centimeter and inch, and we are working on finding the difference between 2 measurements by subtracting.

We brainstormed other types of measurement as well as tools like a scale and a measuring cup, and learned about different units like grams, pounds, pints, and cups. We also learned how to measure perimeter by adding up the

lengths of the sides of a shape. Lastly, we learned how to identify the median, mode, maximum, minimum, and range of a set of data. Please continue working on +/- facts at home. We will do our Quarter 3 fact checks next week!

Upcoming Events:

3/26—Geography Test
Field Trip Permission Slip due
3/27—Early Release
End of 3rd Quarter
3/30-4/3—Spring Break
4/30—Milwaukee Museum Field Trip

Reminders:

Continue to study for the Q3 geography test on March 26th!

Next Week's Specials

Monday: Music

Tuesday: IMC, Art

Wednesday: PE

Thursday: Music

Friday: PE

Science

In Science this week the children conducted an experiment in which they mixed toothpaste with water to determine if it was a solid or a liquid. Ask your child what he/she learned about toothpaste!

Social Studies

In social studies this week we wrapped up our unit on Government by reading about heroes from our past and discussing the brave and important things they did. We also discussed heroes of today and shared some people who we consider to be our heroes. The children came up with some very thoughtful ideas! We

also read about holidays we celebrate in America to honor individuals or events that are important to our country's heritage. Next week we will take our Unit Test on Government as well as our Geography Test. Please continue to study the locations using the packets that were sent home.

Health/Guidance/Handwriting

This week we had a special visit from the 5th Grade Leadership team who presented information about Kindness Week. They gave us the

opportunity to participate in the *Kindness Cards* program, in which we commit a random act of kindness and "tag" the recipient with a kindness

card. We can then log onto the website and watch our act of kindness ripple throughout the community, state, country, or world!

Special Announcements

Field Trip

We will be taking our field trip to the Milwaukee Public Museum on Thursday, April 30th. Permission slips are due next Thursday, March 26th. Please be sure to indicate your child's lunch choice if he/she is taking one. Watch for more information to come!

Math Game of the Week:

www.everydaymathonline.com

"Equivalent Fractions"

Students receive practice in determining how fractions compare to each other and which are equivalent.

Ask Your Child:

- What happened to the toothpaste when you mixed it with water?
- Who is your hero?
- What is a simile?