



Here's What's Happening in Second Grade!

Mrs. Adams' Class

February 23-27, 2015

Reading

In reading this week we began to explore the Non-fiction genre a little more closely. We have been studying a particular feature each week, looking at evidence in real nonfiction texts, and keeping track of our learning by adding examples to our Thoughtful Logs. So far, we have covered Table of Contents, Heading, Photograph,

Caption, and Labels. We had fun doing a "gallery walk" around the classroom to see each child's photograph and the caption they added to explain what was shown! We continue to meet as small guided reading groups to practice skills and build fluency and comprehension. This week our Word Study lessons focused on spelling patterns that make the long

'a' sound, like the vowel team 'ai', and the short 'a' sound, like the '-an' word family. We also learned about my favorite word family, the '-ight' family! We build words with this pattern and discussed some rule breakers like 'straight' and 'white'.

Writing

In writing this week we took the OLSAT test and we continued our research for our nonfiction animal reports. The children have been working on taking notes from

various sources, including the internet and texts. After we had collected information, we completed our prewrite by arranging our notes and organizing our

report. We also began drafting the headings and content of each section. Next week we will finish drafting our introduction and conclusion.

Math

This week in math we finished up Unit 7 and had our assessment on in/out boxes, telling time with AM/PM, and adding more than 2 numbers. We began Unit 8, which will focus on fractions. We continue to work on addition and subtraction

facts using fact triangles, XtraMath, and classroom games. As we discussed at conferences, our goal for 3rd quarter is for students to be getting around 95% of addition facts and 85% of subtraction facts. For 4th quarter, we expect

The children to be around 95% proficiency for both. Using classroom observations, fact checks and timed tests, this will be assessed on the third quarter (+) and fourth quarter (+,-) report card.

Upcoming Events:

3/6—Barrie Spirit Day
3/19—Art and Learning Fair
3/27—Early Release
End of 3rd Quarter
3/30-4/3—Spring Break

Reminders:

It's almost time again to study/review Geography Maps for the Third Quarter assessment! Practice maps will be sent home soon.

Next Week's Specials

Monday: PE

Tuesday: Music

Wednesday: IMC, Art

Thursday: PE

Friday: PE

Science

In Science this week the children experimented with solids that behave like liquids. Solids that come in particles like sand, salt, rice, beans, etc. can pour like liquid can.

Social Studies

This week in Social Studies we stepped back in time to learn about our first president, George Washington, and our 16th president, Abraham Lincoln. We learned about their childhood, how they came to be president, and the important

things they did for our country during their presidency. Next week we will compare the two presidents to discover how they are alike and different, and we will learn about the Washington Monument and Lincoln Memorial.

Health/Guidance/Handwriting

This week in handwriting we reviewed the recent letters we had practiced, and reflected on our printing by circling letters with good spacing,

slant, size, and shape. We also reviewed and practiced verbal pathways for the letters Vv, Ww and Yy. These letters all start with a slant line.

Special Announcements

Learning Fair

Preparations for the Learning Fair have begun! Students who chose to participate are working either alone or with a group.

They have the opportunity to work at school on Mondays and Wednesdays during lunch recess, or at home. I am looking forward to seeing all the finished products!

Math Game of the Week:

www.everydaymathonline.com

"Memory Match"

Here your child can play against someone to match analog and digital clock times. Great practice!

Ask Your Child:

- What is a caption?
- What is a fraction?
- What did you learn about George Washington and Abraham Lincoln?