

Have a great weekend!

Ms. Turcot's Second Grade Newsletter

Dear Families and Friends,

The students made their first claim in science based on what they discovered about which ball was the easiest to blow through a straw. They had to support their claim with evidence from their investigation. It is tricky to do this but the students will have many opportunities to make claims with evidence throughout the year!

Reading Workshop

This week was about thinking and talking about books with others. We discussed how reading partners need to decide what to read and how to read together. We also began learning how to have book talks with the following phrases:

"I like the part..."

"It reminded me of..."

"I wonder..."

Writing Workshop

The focus for our Writing Workshop mini lessons was conventions. We began by reading Punctuation Takes a Vacation by Robin Pulver. The students then helped me to add punctuation to my story by telling me where I needed to add periods, commas, question marks, and uppercase letters. The goal is to have students start to incorporate this punctuation into their own writing.

Everyday Math

We did our first math problem solving piece. The students had to underline the question, find important information, and show their strategies and thought process' either using pictures, diagrams with labels, or tables. We also reviewed relations using the symbols: < (less than), > (greater than), and = (equal to). We wrapped up the week, as well as Unit 1, by making different coin combinations for the same amount and reviewing temperature.

Other Important Information

Thank you for helping your child get into the routine of second grade homework. It will be the same format throughout the whole year. Picture day is coming up so you may hand in your forms as you fill them out and I will hold onto them until October 6th.

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Upcoming Events

September 29, 2009:

Open House and
Curriculum Night
6:30-7:30 PM

October 6, 2009:

Picture Day at 10:30 AM



We explored which ball was the easiest to move and why.

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