

First Newsletter of 2010!

Ms. Turcot's Second Grade Newsletter

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Dear Families and Friends,

We began a new unit in Science: "The Night Sky". In doing so, we started by brainstorming what we already know about the night sky. I explained that we will be keeping track of the moon phases for one month. It is the students' job to observe the moon three times a week and record what they noticed in their packet that was sent home. I reminded them that they can keep it at home or in their backpacks. This way they can have it on the weekends.

Reading Workshop

We started our non-fiction unit in Reading Workshop. We talked about how informational texts and stories are similar and different. For example, some authors use polar bears as the main character in a story such as in The Three Snow Bears by Jan Brett. At the same time, there are non-fiction books about polar bears that give true facts about them without telling a story.

Writing Workshop

After a long break, students got back into the Writing Workshop routine. They looked through their folders to see what needed to be edited, published, or continued. Many of them had fresh ideas for new stories after the vacation!

Everyday Math

Our week started by solving number stories that compared numbers to find the difference. We also looked at and practiced different strategies for solving 2-digit subtraction problems. We used base-10 blocks as a way of showing what it means to take 1 ten and turn it into 10 ones. This is very tricky!

Other Important Information

Please make sure that your child comes to school with appropriate clothing for recess. In order for students to play off of the black-top they need boots, snow pants, and a coat. Thank you.

Upcoming Events

January 14th:
Book Orders Due

January 18th:
No School for Students

January 26th:
International Potluck Dinner
at 6:30



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