

Welcome October!

## Ms. Turcot's Second Grade Newsletter

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Dear Families and Friends,

In science we have continued to learn about force and motion. This week we investigated which properties affect an object's movement. Some of the properties we talked about were: shape, texture, color, hardness, sound, and weight.

We also had our first "Four Winds" presentation and activity. This month it was on insects and their special adaptations. Ask your child if they can remember an adaptation that an insect has.

### Upcoming Events

**October 6, 2009:**  
Picture Day at 10:30 AM

**October 30, 2009:**  
Fun Run in the afternoon

### Reading Workshop

We continued learning how to share and talk about what we are reading with others. Students learned how they can make recommendations to others, use post-its to mark a page or idea, and share with the class by talking about what they read at the end of Reading Workshop.

### Writing Workshop

Now that we have learned about writing conventions and how to incorporate punctuation into our writing, we began learning how to revise our own writing. We discovered ways that writers use special symbols to make changes in their work. Some of the symbols we used were: ^ (to add words) and / (to cross out words).



### Everyday Math

We began Unit 2 in Everyday Math. The main focus for this unit is on addition and subtraction. We began the week by creating addition number stories. The students learned how to create their own addition stories as well as how to solve them. We also reviewed our +1 and +0 facts. We finished the week by practicing our "doubles facts." We realized that we can use our doubles facts to help us solve other facts like 8+9 by thinking 8+8=16 and then adding 1.

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### Other Important Information

It was nice to see many of you at Tuesday's Open House and Curriculum Night. Thank you for coming!

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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