

Goodbye October!

Ms. Turcot's Second Grade Newsletter

Dear Families and Friends,

This week we began a new rotation for our Special Thursday. For the next six weeks the students will have Guidance with Ms. Wageman and Information Literacy with Mrs. Duggan. These two specials will take the place of French and Health. After the next six weeks, the schedule will go back to how it was at the beginning of the school year.

Reading Workshop

This week we learned about ourselves as readers. Some of us love mysteries, sports books, or non-fiction but only read those kinds of books. We said that readers need to read around the genre wheel and have a variety in their reading diets. We also talked about our strengths and weaknesses as readers and how good readers do the following: read accurately, smoothly, and understand what they read. We called this the reading triangle and said that as readers, we want all sides of the triangle to be strong. We finished by making reading goals for ourselves to work on each month.

Everyday Math

We made math goals after looking at our Unit 2 assessments. The students recognized their strengths as well as areas that they would like to work on and improve. Ask your child about their goal. Unit 3 is on place value, money, and time.

Other Important Information

As part of learning about the community of Essex Junction in Social Studies, we will be taking a walking tour of Essex Junction next week. During this tour, we will look for buildings and physical characters that make up our community. We will be going during two school days around our Social Studies time. I am hoping to go on Tuesday and Wednesday. However, it depends on weather so please make sure that your child comes to school each day with appropriate clothing as the field trip may change to a different day.

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Upcoming Events

November 6th:

H1N1 flu clinic

November 10th:

Picture Retakes

November 23rd and 24th:

Conferences

Writing Workshop

We learned how writers often have different purposes for writing besides books and stories. Some of the different types of writing we learned and talked about were:

- Friendly letters
- Formal letters
- Diaries/Journals
- Lists/Notes
- Postcards

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