

Have a great weekend!

Ms. Turcot's Second Grade Newsletter

Dear Families and Friends,

This week was a busy week with picture day and an assembly on fire prevention! In science, we conducted our own investigations. We had to come up with a question that was testable and fair using cars and ramps as materials. After we created questions and predicted what we thought would happen. Then we got to find out the results.

Reading Workshop

This week we worked on getting our minds ready for reading. We discussed how readers do the following:

- use the book cover to get ideas about the book
 - talk a picture walk
 - read the blurb on the back cover
 - use what they know about an author or character to make predictions
 - use chapter titles to learn about the book
- We began guided reading groups. Students started reading and discussing the same book with me and a small group. This will help to deepen their thinking and strengthen their comprehension.

Everyday Math

This week we started learning addition strategies that use doubles facts. For example: if we know $6+6=12$ then $6+7$ would just require us to add 1 more. We also worked with fact families and discovered how using three numbers can create four facts. With the numbers 3, 4, 7 we could make $3+4=7$, $4+3=7$, $7-3=4$, and $7-4=3$. We finished the week by exploring weight.

Other Important Information

As the weather is getting chillier, please make sure that your child has appropriate clothing for recess.

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Upcoming Events

October 29th, 2009:
Assembly featuring EHS
Hornets

October 30th, 2009:
Fun Run in the afternoon

We signed our
Reading Workshop Bill
of Rights



Writing Workshop

We are now editing and getting ready to publish our first pieces of writing. We have talked about how writers reread their work to make sure it sounds right and makes sense. We have been adding words and taking out words as well as trying out new beginnings and endings to our stories. Next week, we will begin typing our stories so that they are ready to publish!

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