

Last Newsletter of 2009!

## Ms. Turcot's Second Grade Newsletter

Dear Families and Friends,

After going on our walking tour of Essex Junction and taking pictures of important buildings we began to write about why they were important. We took the pictures and write-ups and put them onto a Google Map. The map is now available on the school website in the section, "Local Information, in a Nutshell." You can also find it under my name in "Classroom Connections."

### Reading Workshop

The students have been working in their guided reading groups to discuss how they are similar to and different from characters in their series. They organized their thoughts using a Venn Diagram. By working on this during Reading Workshop, they were able to use it for their writing.

### Writing Workshop

We started working on our response to literature for second grade. For this, the students are comparing themselves to a character in their series. We learned how to write an introduction that would allow readers to know what the series is about. Next, we worked on adding proof paragraphs that explained how we are similar to and different from a character using examples from what they read. We ended the week with writing conclusions.

### Everyday Math

We have been working with 3-D and 2-D shapes. In doing so, we have been learning how to identify them by the number of sides, angles, and vertices that they have. By the end of the week we were ready to create our own 3-D shapes. We used marshmallows and toothpicks to make triangular, rectangular, pentagonal, and hexagonal pyramids!

### 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.

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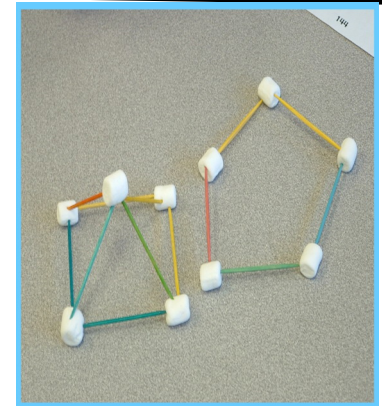
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### Upcoming Events

**December 23:**  
Holiday Sing-A-Long  
at 1:30

**December 24- January 3:**  
School Vacation

**January 4:**  
School Begins



Here are some of the pyramids that we made in math.

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