

Welcome November!

Ms. Turcot's Second Grade Newsletter

Dear Families and Friends,

We went on our walking tour of Essex Junction this week. Unfortunately, we ran into some bad weather but we were able to gather the information that we needed. We took photographs of buildings in our community. Now we will be researching their physical addresses and reasons for why they are important buildings to have in Essex Junction.

Reading Workshop

We began the week by learning how to have "book talks" by saying something back to a book such as:

- "It reminded me of..."
- "I wonder..."

We also started to learn strategies for what to do while we are reading. For example, we can make predictions or visualize what we are reading about.

Writing Workshop

We started planning and beginning narrative stories. We began by zooming in on a small moment in our lives to write about. We took our ideas and created story maps that included a setting, characters, problem, controlling idea, series of events, and endings. We took our plans and began thinking about how authors create beginnings that draw readers in.

Everyday Math

This week we built a variety of numbers with base-10 blocks and used geoboards. We also collected data and used the information to create a graph. The challenge this week was solving "Frames and Arrows" problems with two rules. We learned that we have to take our time and double check our answers.

Other Important Information

School pictures went home on Monday. Picture retakes are an option on November 10th if you are not satisfied with your child's picture. Please make sure that you send in the original pictures that were taken if you are going to have your child have retakes.

Please take time to go over your child's goals for reading, writing, and math so that you know what they are working on in school as well as know what you can work on at home.

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Upcoming Events

November 6th:

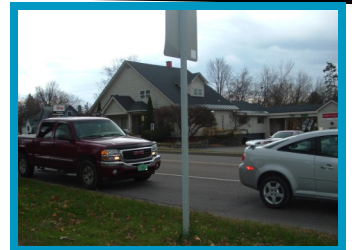
H1N1 flu clinic

November 10th:

Picture Retakes

November 23rd and 24th:

Conferences



One of the many buildings we saw on our walking tour of Essex Jct.

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