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Room 11 News



Summit Street School

Essex Junction, Vermont

Important Dates

Second Grade Musical Showcase 8:15-8:45	2/18
Mid-Winter Break Starts	2/21
School Reopens	3/3

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Learning

Math News

During math class this week you would have seen the children holding out their arms so classmates could measure their arm spans. You would have also seen them jumping from a standing position and then recording the distance traveled. You would have heard words like inches, centimeters, frequency, frequency tables, line plots, bar graphs, real-life data, and median or middle value.

Not only are our children learning together they are also developing great math vocabulary!

Soon the children will be adding more words to their math vocabulary as we will soon begin our



study of fractions. We will review basic fraction concepts learned in first grade, use fractions to name parts of a whole and of a collection, find pairs of equivalent fractions, and solve number stories involving fractions.

Writing

Writers' Workshop continues to be one of our favorite times of day. As the children learn new vocabulary, write constructed responses, visit the Learning

Center, practice spelling, or use Max Write/Microsoft Word to write their pieces I have the opportunity to work with small groups of children. Currently this small group work is focused on GUM—grammar, usage, and mechanics. Learning to edit a piece of writing is an essential skill and one that doesn't come easily. But, as the old adage states, "Practice makes perfect!"



This and That

Musical Showcase

Please join us for our school assembly on Thursday, February 18, 2010 at 8:15 AM. Under Mrs. Valastro's guidance all of our second graders will dazzle us

with their musical abilities. You'll want to be in the audience as our children are great singers and wonderful dancers. They also like being in the spotlight and sharing their learning.



Did You Know?

A long time ago (and I mean ages ago!) when I first started teaching, the purpose of the mid-winter vacation was to break the sickness cycle. Not a bad idea!