

Room 11 News



Summit Street School

Essex Junction, Vermont 05452

Important Dates

Song Dudes Concert	
6:30-7:30	TONIGHT
Ground Hog Day	2/2
Friendship Party	
12:30-1:30 PM	2/12

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Every Day Math

Math

The children have been very busy this week completing their first Everyday Math journals and making entries in their math thinking and reasoning booklets. The children decided that they'd like you to see their journals right away so be sure to look for your child's work in this week's Friday folder. They also thought that they'd like to share their math thinking and reasoning with you at the Student Led Celebration of Learning so this work is now in their portfolios. I think you'll appreciate the growth made in their math reasoning abilities over this year!

The children also took two math test this week, the Unit 6 pro-



gress check and the mid year assessment. Information from the latter will identify the kids' strengths and weaknesses and will be especially helpful for grouping students for instruction.

Our new focus for learning is all about patterns and rules. The children will describe patterns that result from skip counting by 2s, 5s, and 10s. They will also build their mental arithmetic skills by adding 1- and 2- digit numbers, and make frequency tables,

and Literacy

line plots, and bar graphs from real-life data.

Literacy

The results of the latest Fountas and Pinnell (our district's reading assessment) show the children to be strong readers as everyone at least met the benchmark. The new data has certainly informed instruction and beginning Monday groupings of children will change as will some of the reading buddy pairs. The children are expecting these shifts and are looking forward to reading with new people, those who "read like they do."

The results of the January 100 Word Paragraph Dictation indicate the children to be competent spellers as they all met the benchmark, yet again.

Our Friendship Party

Our children's most loved celebration will be held on Friday, February 12th from 12:30 to 1:30 PM. Thanks to Leah Joly and Christine Giummo in advance for agreeing to coordinate the food and activities. The friendship cards the children receive are the

most important part of this celebration. The children will count the number of cards they receive, read them carefully, and then reread the sentiments expressed. Our room will be filled with kind thoughts and oh so many "thank yous!"

To avoid tears, please make sure each child in the room gets a note from your child. Here's the list: Aki, Livia, Gregory, Emily, Ryann, Thomas, Eva, Nicholas, Jackson, Zachary, Jonah, Christian, and Riley. Thanks!