

They're Working Hard!

## Ms. Turcot's Second Grade Newsletter

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Dear Family and Friends,

It was a busy week in second grade. However, the students easily transitioned back to school after having a long weekend! We began our new unit in Science on "Force and Motion." In doing so, we went outside to find examples of motion and discussed what force may be causing the motion to happen.

### Reading Workshop

In Reading Workshop we learned how to take care of our classroom library by finding out where our books belong and how to put them away. We also worked on moving quickly from the lesson to independent reading. We began our first read aloud: Frindle by Andrew Clements.

### Writing Workshop

This week we worked on using oral language to tell a story. We talked about how good writers tell their story first before they begin writing. We worked with partners to rehearse our stories with a beginning, middle, and end. Then we began writing our first narrative in second grade!

### Everyday Math

This week we focused on telling time to the nearest hour and half-hour. We practiced grouping by tens and exchanging \$1, \$10, and \$100.

Counting money and telling time are skills that we work on a lot in second grade. At home, work with your child to strengthen these skills by asking them to count change or tell you the time.

### Other Important Information

We will begin homework on Monday. However, we are gradually going to get into the routine by starting only with reading next week. Please read the homework letter that will go home in your child's green homework folder so that you have an idea for what homework is like in my class.

### Upcoming Events

September 11, 2009:

All Forms Are Due

September 23, 2009:

Visiting International Students from St. Michael's College

September 29, 2009:

Open House and Curriculum Night  
6:30-7:30 PM



We are finally settling into our Writing Workshop Routine!

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