

Second Grade News

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Language Arts

Last week we began our *Wonders* Language Arts program. The children have been introduced to the genre of fiction. They learned about fables and enjoyed *The Lion and the Mouse*. Fables are stories that tell about things that could not really happen. They teach a lesson or moral and often have animal characters that speak and act like people. The second graders are working on the strategy of visualizing what they are reading. They are also learning about characters, settings, and events.

Through literature, we have also been focusing on the ways friends help one another. We have been talking about the many ways friends depend on one another and have fun together. The second graders are noting details about characters, settings, and events. They have also worked on inflectional endings of words (peer - peered) as well as practiced reading and writing short vowel a and i words.

Math

The second graders are continuing to focus on strategies to add and subtract efficiently. They have been using fact families to solve addition and subtraction problems. They are using fact triangle flash cards and fun card games to help solve problems with missing addends and to solve both addition and subtraction number sentences.

This week the children focused on solving word problems that involve two steps. They needed to identify what information is important and to decide which part to solve first. Then they used the rest of the information to solve the second part. They are learning that to make sense of word problems they need to follow these steps:

understand - plan - solve - check

Literature

We have finished our book *Gooney Bird Greene*. The children thoroughly enjoyed the stories shared by the main character, Gooney Bird. As a comprehension check, we played a Kahoot game on our iPads.

Health



The children are being "transported" back to the time of medieval castles and dragons as they learn the basics of good nutrition and the importance of physical activity. Students are enjoying learning about the Five Food groups with the help of Little D the Dragon, Sir Milkford the Scholar, King Henry the Egg, Queen Anna Banana, Princess Peapod, Prince Waffle, and Lady Holly the Cow.

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