

2nd Grade Weekly Newsletter

November 13 - November 17

Math

- Unit 2: Addition within 200
 - Using proof drawings to solve 2-digit addition
 - All Totals Method
 - Add 10 or 100 to a given number
 - Compare numbers using $<$, $>$, or $=$.

Math Tip: Study addition facts. Look on the quizzes that go home for the problems your child missed. Ask them those facts in the morning, at bedtime, during dinner, in the car, etc. Repetition will help them remember them and be faster. We discussed this studying strategy in class as well.

What is Happening

- We learned another signpost in reading called an Aha Moment. We watched two Disney short films titled *For the Birds* and *Day and Night*. We also read the story *A Plump and Perky Turkey*. Students were able to pick out the Aha Moment and discuss how that changed things in the story. We will be continuing to look for Aha Moments in the books we read.
- We had a class meeting this week and talked about some minor issues we have been having in class. One is tattling. We talked about what it is and examples. We are able to name it when we do it and hopefully this will cut down on the tattling epidemic we have been having lately. We also talked about examples of being nice and not nice to our classmates. It is not a big issue, but a couple of minor instances have popped up. Finally, we talked about procedures and following rules. It was a rough week! I think we are back on track.

Reading

- *Magic Treehouse: Christmas in Camelot*
- Words of the Wiser signpost
- Daily Five/Guided Reading
 - *The Brain* - an informational text
 - Unknown words

Reading Tip: Two tips this week! In your child's Red Homework Folder's Helpful Tips sheet protector is a handout titled "Tips for Parents of Second Graders". There is a list of reading and writing tips to help your child. It comes from www.ReadingRockets.org. It is a helpful website, so it is also tip #2. I will be highlighting tips from there in the next few newsletters.

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Grammar: possessive nouns

Narratives

- Small Moments Narrative
 - Peer revising
 - Beginning teacher-student writing conferences

Science/Social Studies

- Matter
 - Reviewing the states of matter
- Communities

Phonics/Spelling

- List #11: vowel - consonant- e
- Test on Friday

A list will be in your child's Homework Folder

Calendar

- Nov 15 (Wed): No school
- Nov 20 (Mon): Picture retakes
- Nov 22 (Wed): 11:30 dismissal
- Nov 23 & Nov 24: No school
- Dec 20 (Wed): Christmas Program at 6:30 pm

Parent Suggestions

- If you were unable to attend conferences and would like to have a conference, please let me know, and we will work something out. Thank you to all who were able to attend!
- If your child has not brought an old towel for the bottom of his/her locker please do so this week.
- Students should keep **one** sweatshirt in their locker in case it gets chilly in the classroom.