

2nd Grade Weekly Newsletter

November 5 - November 9

Math

- **Unit 2: Addition Within 200**
 - Using New Groups Below Method to solve 2-digit addition problems
 - 2-digit addition Quick Quiz #2 Thursday
 - Solving word problems with money

Math Tip: MONEY!

Have your child count spare change. Counting money is a life skill that can sometimes be a challenge for 2nd graders. We have already been doing things with money on a weekly basis. In this unit, we will be counting dimes, nickels, and pennies. We have made the connection that counting dimes and pennies are just like counting ten sticks and one dots.

What is Happening

- Our room is buzzing with connections! We are making connections across subjects, connecting to experiences, movies, books, etc. Here are some connections that we have made: 1) comparing place values of numbers is like comparing words in a dictionary because we start at the left and move to the right 2) dimes and pennies are just like counting ten sticks and one dots 3) too many book connections to mention! 4) connecting our phonics lessons while we are reading - noticing spelling patterns
- On Halloween, I read a book from one of my all-time favorite picture book series that I read growing up - *Dorrie the Witch* by Patricia Coombs. I read *Dorrie and the Pin Witch*. Students summarized using the 5 finger strategy, picked out the signposts Contrast and Contradiction and Aha Moment. They also made text-to-self connections. I am seeing evidence of them applying what we are learning.

Reading

- **Making Connections**
 - *Oliver Button is a Sissy* by Tomie de Paola and *Amazing Grace* by Mary Hoffman
 - Connecting to previous texts that we've read
- **Signpost: Words of the Wiser**

Literacy Tip: Sight Words

Practice Quarter 2 Sight Words with your child. The list is in your child's Black Take Home Folder. If you need another one, let me know.

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Grammar: Reviewing capital letters and punctuation marks; fixing incomplete sentences

Small Moment Narrative

- Finishing our 1st Drafts
- Conferencing
- Editing and Revising

Science/Social Studies

- **Unit 1: Matter**
 - *Mystery Science Mystery #5: Could you build a house out of paper?*
 - Materials, properties, and engineering
 - Activity: Paper Towers

Phonics/Spelling

- Long vowel teams - o
- No weekly tests will be given

Calendar

- Nov 6 (Tue): Picture Retakes
- Nov 8 (Thurs): Parent-Teacher Conference 4:30-7:00
- Nov 9 (Fri): Parent-Teacher Conference 12:30-3:00; ½ day of school; Lunch will be served
- Nov 15 (Thurs): No School
- Nov 21 (Wed): ½ Day; Lunch will be served
- Nov 22 (Thurs): No school
- Nov 23 (Fri): No school

Parent Suggestions

- Please bring an old towel for your child's locker. Winter is just around the corner. Wet boots cause the lockers to rust. If you need an old towel, please let me know.
- In your child's Friday Folder is your Parent-Teacher Conference time. If this time doesn't work for you, please let me know. I will do my best to accommodate.