



Classroom News!



Mrs. Murphy 2nd Grade Class

Week of: 1-2-18

Teacher's Note:

This past week has been a whirlwind! It's great to be back and starting a new routine at the Murphy household. Malcolm is doing well and he's loving all the extra time with Grandma and his dad now.

The kids have transitioned well to me being back. I am excited to continue building relationships with them.

This week...

Reader's workshop: Because it is the first week back, we are going through a review of the important concepts we learned back in September including how to preview a book, retelling the parts we have read, and noticing how our characters change.

writer's workshop: This week in writer's workshop we worked with graphic organizers to plan our non-fiction books. Strong writers make a plan before jumping in to write. we organized five chapters within a topic we know a lot about. Next week we will be learning how to add text features and a table of contents to our books!

Math: we started unit 4 this week! unit 4 is all about measurement. we learned the difference between a foot and a yard. The story, Jim and the Beanstalk, helped build our understanding on measurement. Students took a pre-assessment so I can see what they already know about measurement. They also had experiences measuring different items and distances around the room.

Social Studies:

we reviewed the last lesson in ALICE. In the next couple of weeks we will begin our science units!

Upcoming Dates:

- 10 PTO Mtg. in the library, 6:30 pm
- 12 Popcorn Day, .50 cents per bag
- 15-23 Book Drive for the Next Door Foundation
- 22 NO SCHOOL - Teacher Inservice
- 23-26 Drug Free week
- 29-Feb. 2 - Jump Rope For Heart

Student Spotlight!

This week we learned about Madelyn. She loves going to theater plays and the color blue. Her favorite subject is writing and often writes multiple books during writers workshop.

Next week we will be celebrating Izzy!

Notes:

2nd grade students have been learning about string instruments in Music class, including the science behind how they work. They have learned that a string will sound louder, or more resonant, when its vibrations bounce around inside a hollow object. In order to gain hands-on experience with this concept, students will be making tissue-box guitars in Music class. Ms. Whiting asks that you please send any empty tissue boxes/ paper towel rolls you accumulate over the next couple of weeks with your child to Canterbury! Thank you!

