



Classroom News!



Mrs. Murphy 2nd Grade Class

week of: 10-16-17

Teacher's Note:

If you have not had a chance to sign up for Parent/Teacher conferences yet, please click on the [link](#) to choose your time. For those of you who are signed up for October 24th conferences, I'm looking forward to meeting with you next week!

Students are working really hard to show kindness to each other. We've had over 30 recognized kindnesses this month already!

This week...

Readers' workshop: This week in Readers' workshop we have been reviewing the strategies students have learned previously for reading "tricky" words. We are trying to read smoothly, only stopping when we need to use a strategy for a tricky word. When reading at home, ask your child what strategy they use when stopping for a tricky word!

Writer's workshop: We have been noticing how authors craft their stories to make us feel a certain way. In Owl Moon, Jane Yolen created a calm and peaceful feeling by using good descriptive words and giving details about what she senses. Students have been working hard to craft their pieces to include a feeling too.

Math: Math has been all about measuring this week. Our story problems have been themed around Jack and the Beanstalk. We have measured giant "beans" and "garden plots". The students have become great measurers! We have also added a few new workplace games to our repertoire.

Social Studies: We started a new unit this week about maps. Since most students spent a lot of time in first grade learning about maps, this will be more of a review. This week we reviewed map symbols and directions on maps.

Upcoming Dates:

October 24: Parent Teacher Conferences
October 26 - 27: **No School** for students
November 10: Popcorn Day
November 20: Parent Teacher Conferences
November 22-26: **No School** - Thanksgiving Break

Student Spotlight!

This week we learned about Caiden. He brought some amazing show and tell items. One thing we learned about him is that his artist uncle made a statue of him!

Next week we will be celebrating Fynn!

Reminders:

Bring in non-perishable food items for the food pantry. The class with the most food items donated will win a prize. The food drive runs through November 22nd.

Bring in Box Tops for our school. Box Top Boos contest runs through November 3rd.

