



# Classroom News!



Mrs. Murphy 2nd Grade Class

Week of: 11-13-17

## Teacher's Note:

We have so much to be thankful for and this week we have been focusing on that. Students have both verbalized and written about the things they are thankful for. Our room is filled with colored leaves labeled with things we are grateful for.

There will be no Friday memo next week due to Thanksgiving Break! Enjoy your time with family and friends.

## Upcoming Dates:

November 17-21: Book Fair

November 20: Parent Teacher Conferences

November 22-26: **No School** - Thanksgiving Break

December 1 - Report cards sent home

December 4 - PTO Meeting

## This week...

Reader's workshop: This week in readers' workshop, we have been focusing on nonfiction books again. We are working on using the text features, and recognizing and anticipating "lingo" words in our text. We have also worked on slowing our reading down so that we can really comprehend what we are reading.

Writer's workshop: We began writing nonfiction "books" this week. The students are writing about topics for which they are "experts". All books are being added to the classroom library so other students can learn from their writing. We have many books about animals and sports, as well as many other topics. We have many great authors in our class.

Math: This week in math we have spent a lot of time working on number lines. We are learning to use number lines as a tool to help us add and subtract numbers. We also began looking at two digit numbers broken down into the tens and ones and adding them that way. We added some new workspaces to our repertoire to help us think like mathematicians.

### Social Studies:

We will be starting a new social studies unit next week, but for this week we focused on team building, encouraging, and kindness. We talked about making sure our words are kind. As a team building/kindness exercise, we formed a circle, holding hands, and tried to pass a hula hoop all the way around the circle. It was great to see the students encouraging each other.

## Student Spotlight!

This week we learned about Olivia. She loves to eat sushi and she has a collection of 200 lip balms! She is creative and decorated her poster with jewels! Next week, since we only have 2 days of school, we won't be having a student spotlight. We will be celebrating Eddie the week after Thanksgiving!

## Reminders:

Please wear your "Kindness" t-shirt on Monday! Book Fair will be open before school, after school, during lunch, and during parent-teacher conferences on Monday and Tuesday. Thanks for all the coins you sent in! Our school wide food drive will wrap up this coming Tuesday. Please bring in non-perishable food items to donate.

