



Classroom News!



Mrs. Murphy 2nd Grade Class

Week of: 9-11-17

Teacher's Note:

This week students did an excellent job being kind to each other. We read one of my favorites, *Each Kindness*, and discussed the importance of spreading kindness. At Canterbury we are working on kindness all year. We will be celebrating acts of kindness during a monthly assembly.

This week...

Reader's workshop: This week in Reader's workshop we talked about how second grade readers get to decide how a book should be read. Since we know how to decode words now, we get to do more comprehension work and part of that is deciding how to read different books.

Writer's workshop: In writer's workshop we talked about finding inspiration to write our personal narrative stories. We talked about people, places, and emotions that elicit memories for our writing.

Math: In math we experimented with math racks. Math racks are tools that help us solidify our facts within 20. There are ten beads on the top and bottom composed of five red beads and five white beads. We played "Flash Attack" where we flashed an amount and the other student had to say what they saw and explain how they saw it. I want students to understand that numbers can be decomposed and composed. Students had access to use the mathrack app as well. They had a great time showing me different ways to break apart numbers.

Science: We learned about our brains this week! With a growth mindset, ANYTHING is possible. Please ask your child what he/she learned about his/her brain. We were engaged in different read alouds and watched growth mindset videos to encourage positive reactions when we encounter challenges.

Upcoming Dates:

September 22: PTO Tailgate Party 5:00pm

Student Spotlight!

More to come soon :)

Reminders:

Spelling Update:

We are working as a grade level team across the district to revamp our spelling program now that each student has an iPad for use in the classroom. We are hoping to have this figured out in the next couple of weeks and will communicate how spelling will look for this year as soon as it is decided. Thank you for your patience with this process!

We have one snack every morning. Please make sure it is healthy, peanut free, tree-nut free and made in a factory where no peanuts and tree nuts are present. Here is a list of tree nuts: almonds, Brazil nuts, cashews, chestnuts, filberts/hazelnuts, macadamia nuts, pecans, pistachios, pine nuts, sheanuts and walnuts.

