



Classroom News!



Mrs. Murphy 2nd Grade Class

Week of: 9-18-17

Teacher's Note:

Next week we will be starting SAILS, a 30-minute reading intervention block. Four days a week, students travel to a different classroom to receive reading instruction in an area that most suits their needs. This is based off a one-on-one reading assessment.

This week...

Reader's workshop: This week in Reader's workshop we wrapped up our lessons on "Readers Grow Like Beanstalks." our mini lessons included how readers decide how to read a book, readers read in bigger scoops to promote strong fluency, and strong readers stop and jot using post it notes to keep track of their thinking.

writer's workshop: This week in writer's workshop we have been working on adding strong "hooks" to our stories. We can draw readers into our narratives by beginning with a question, a sound effect, dialogue, or intense action. Strong hooks are crucial for writing because they get the reader excited!

Math: This week in math we continued to work on our facts within 20. Students worked with their math racks to show a number and then find out how many more to 20. They learned their doubles facts and doubles + or - 1 strategy. For example, we know $7+8$ is 15 in a snap because $7+7$ is 14 so 1 more is 15.

Social Studies: we have been learning about urban, suburban and rural communities. Students have been watching videos and reading books about the differences in people, places, and animals between the three different communities.

Upcoming Dates:

October 2: No school for students
October 11: PTO Meeting 3:45
October 13: Popcorn Friday
October 17: Picture Retake Day
October 20: Spooktacular
October 22: Fun Run
October 24: Parent Teacher Conferences Round 1

Student Spotlight!

Next week we will be starting Star of the week! I will show students my poster and bring in two items for a "Show and Tell." our first student we will be celebrating is Jasin during the week of October 2.

Reminders:

Erica Peterson will be our long-term substitute. She has 15 years of experience in teaching. Erica spent the day with us on Tuesday this past week, learning about our students, routines and schedule. She will also be joining us next Wednesday. Her email is erica.peterson@greendale.k12.wi.us. I am confident she will be able to make the transition go as smoothly as possible. I plan on being at school until baby Murphy arrives!

