



Classroom News!



Mrs. Murphy 2nd Grade Class

week of: 9-25-17

Teacher's Note:

This week we had an assembly! We learned more about the value of kindness. We are working on showing kindness in our classroom to earn "Kindness Paws".

Mrs. Murphy will be out of the classroom until after winter break. Mrs. Peterson will be teaching the class until she returns. Mrs. Peterson's email is: erica.peterson@greendale.k12.wi.us.

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

This week...

Reader's workshop: This week in Reader's workshop we learned more strategies on how to solve tricky words. We learned how vowel teams such as "ea" have different sounds. For example, when we come across the vowel team "ea" we have to try out two sounds, the long e sound (beach) and the short e sound (head). Strong readers also stop often to ask themselves, "what does this mean?"

Writer's workshop: In writer's workshop we learned how to zoom in on a small moment EXCITING story, focusing on details and elaborating. We talked about engaging stories vs. mundane stories. Writers make a plan, complete quick sketches across pages, and write a story that readers cannot put down.

Math: This week in math we continued to learn and use the doubles +1 strategy. We learned two new workspaces too! Students practiced decomposing numbers in a variety of ways as well. For example, 13 can be decomposed into 10 and 3 or 9 and 4 or 12 and 1, etc. The concept of decomposing numbers will be crucial to future work with addition and subtraction.

Social Studies: We continued to learn about urban, suburban and rural communities. Next week we will be starting a cumulative project to show our understanding.

Student Spotlight!

This week we learned that Mrs. Murphy is a star because she perseveres when things are tricky. Her favorite food is mac and cheese and her favorite color is purple!

Next week we will be celebrating Jasini!

Reminders:

Assuming the baby comes soon, Mrs. Peterson will be taking over next week. Her email is erica.peterson@greendale.k12.wi.us. Please email her next week if/when you need help or have any updates/questions. Thank you!

