

2nd Grade News

Week of December 14-
December 18

Reading/Language Arts

This week we will read an informational text about trees. We will compare and contrast deciduous trees and conifers. The students will use evidence from the text to write an opinion pieces about which type of tree they would rather plant in their yards. We will also learn how authors write to make a point about something. We will identify the author's point and then examine how the author provides reasons to support it. We will also integrate fact and opinion into our discussion and learn how to differentiate between the two. We will discuss which one builds stronger support for a point: facts or opinions.

Phonics:

- Long-a sound (ai, ay)

Language Arts:

- Narrative Writing

Important Dates

Friday, December 18th-
2nd Grade Winter Party 9:30-11:30

Monday, Dec. 21st- Friday, Jan. 1st-
Winter Break

Thursday, January 7th-
Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night

Friday, January 8th-
PTA Meeting

Math

We were so proud of the students' hard work throughout our last unit on addition with regrouping. It was a unit where everything really "clicked." For Chapter 5, we will take the concept of regrouping and carry it over to subtraction. As with 2-digit addition, we will begin by exploring a variety of strategies for 2-digit subtraction, including using tens frames, number lines and hundred charts. Then, we will use base-10 blocks to model the concept of "borrowing" and trading 1 ten for 10 ones (the reverse of what we did in addition).

Social Studies/Science

We are wrapping up our unit on rocks and soil this week. We are focusing on what soil is made of and this different types and layers of soil. We have enjoyed getting dirty and examining real pieces of earth!

The 2nd grade winter party is THIS Friday, December 18th from 9:30-11:30. We will be rotating through different activities, so the more parent help, the better! Please mark the date on your calendar and come celebrate with us!