

Second Grade Sentinel

This week....

Wow! What a crazy couple of weeks. Snow days...traveling teacher...in-service days! Yikes! It was so nice to have everybody back together- **and learning!**

In math we are continuing with geometry (and lots of review of addition, subtraction, time and money). We've learned about 2D and 3D shapes. We tuned in to the following vocabulary words: face, edge, vertex (vertices if there is more than one), quadrilateral, hexagon, and pentagon. Ask us about them!

We introduced two new strategies over the last couple of weeks. The first is a comprehension strategy called *Recognize Literary Elements*. All books have certain elements (characters, plot, setting, etc.) and when we take time to tune in to them while we are reading, it boosts our comprehension. The second is a fluency strategy called *Adjust the Rate of Your Voice*. While we are reading, we should use our schema (all the stuff we know about the world) and clues in the text (words like "cried", "whispered", and "shouted", or even clues from the pictures) to change the way our voices sound while reading.

Our traveling science unit has been so much fun. So far we've traveled to Afghanistan and Russia. We've learned about fairy tales from those countries, cultural differences, and we even got to sample some tasty (for some of us) Russian donuts.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT!

This week's Spotlight Person was Conner Miller. Conner wants to be just like his dad when he grows up and be a mechanic. His favorite color is blue, and he likes snakes. At home he enjoys playing his 3D DS. Next week's SD will be Matthew Massman.

Our Valentine party will be on February 14th. The pink note I sent home stated that our party would be at 2:00, but apparently Ellis parties need to be done by then so parents with students at WV can have time to travel to other parties. I will announce a new time soon.



If you are interested in planning this party, please let me know as soon as possible!

I hope you enjoy creating a Valentine holder with your child! If you are unable to do this, please let me know. Also, let me know if you just need some extra art supplies. I have extras!

Please have the holders to school by February 10th