**Second Grade News**

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# Math

We continue to work to develop the concept of place value. We are making the connection of place value to money. The children are continuing to focus on money representations and calculations of exact costs of items. The second graders are recording money amounts using both cents and dollar-and-cents notation.

 Our classes have also been introduced to data analysis. The children are answering questions about graphs as well as gathering data and creating their own graphs.

# Language Arts

This week, our readings have focused on how the Earth changes. The students have been reading about what causes the different ways the Earth looks on its surface. We have been discussing the connection between causes and their effects. Another comprehension strategy we are continuing to develop includes finding the main idea and supporting details of a text.

 Our phonics practice has focused on words containing an r-controlled vowel. These include *er, ir, ur,* and *or*. Using the selected words for the week, the children are counting syllables, writing short stories, and noting the sounds of

r-controlled vowels.

Literature

This week we have been reading from book five in the Addy series titled *Addy Saves the Day*. In this story, it is summer in Philadelphia. The Civil War has ended and Addy and her parents continue to search for her brother and sister. While working at a church fair, money is stolen from Addy’s booth. Addy saves the day and has a wonderful surprise as well.

Science

 We are continuing our study of Air & Weather. The students are learning that air can be compressed and that air under pressure can push objects around. They are also discovering that air takes up space.