**Second Grade News**

**From the classes of Mrs. Bautch and Mrs. Slade**

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Math

We have begun chapter 7 which focuses on subtracting three-digit numbers. Each of the lessons connects with the theme “My School is Cool!” which centers around school activities. The concept of place value continues to be key in our math work. As the students practice subtracting, we are also emphasizing the term *difference* as the answer to their subtraction problems.

# Language Arts

Our reading focus this week has been on the ways people can help their community. We have read and talked about how people solve common problems in their communities. We are looking closely at the author’s purpose for writing and continue to develop our comprehension skills for greater understanding of text.

Through our word work lesson, the second graders are learning about synonyms. They are also practicing reading and writing words with the long o vowel sound spelled *o, oa, ow,*and *oe.*

Literature

During literature time, we are reading the book *Meet Addy* from the American Girl collection. It is a story about a young girl named Addy who is a slave during the Civil War. Showing great courage, she and her mother take the risk to escape to freedom, hoping to one day be reunited with their entire family.

# Economics and Junior Achievement

The second graders are learning basic economic concepts. We began our study of economics with learning what money is and why money is more valuable than the materials it’s made of. We discussed what makes money special, where it comes from, and how it is used. We even followed the journey of a dollar bill from the Bureau of Printing and Engraving in Washington, D.C. through the hands of numerous individuals until it was worn and tattered and returned to a bank to be shredded and recycled.

# Valentine List

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Our valentine list of names were sent home today. If your child is making valentines, please make sure every child in the class is included. And please remember… peanut safe and gelatin free treats. Thanks!

Conferences

This is a reminder that our first evening of conferences is tomorrow, January 28th. Our second conference day is Tuesday, February 2nd. If you do not remember your conference day and time, please contact us for that information. Your interest in your child’s education is valuable to your son/daughter. We are privileged to work with you to provide a quality education for our second grade students.