**Second Grade News**

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

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# Math

This week, the children were assessed on three-digit subtraction with and without regrouping. They are also continuing to practice mentally subtracting forms of tens or hundreds from a number.

(i.e. 387-50=? There are 8 tens, and I am subtracting 5 tens. That leaves 3 tens. So, 387-50=337.)

The second graders have begun a unit of study with the theme “Let’s Count Money!” (fun topic!) They are counting to find the value of pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters.

Tomorrow, the children will complete “sweet” work using sweetarts for graphing and recording fractional amounts.

# Language Arts

Our reading focus this week has been on how people express themselves. The children have been reading about how people communicate through music and sound. We have been discussing the main idea of the stories we are reading and the key details that support the main concept.

Our spelling/phonics practice has been on words with the long u vowel sound spelled *u\_e, ew, ue,* and *u*. We have also worked at decoding and defining words containing prefixes. We continue to strive for fluency in our story writing and are working diligently to remember end punctuation and capitalization at the beginning of sentences and for proper nouns.



Literature

We have begun book three of the Addy series titled *Addy’s* Surprise. In this story, because of escaping from a life of slavery, Addy and her momma are approaching the Christmas season away from the rest of their family. With the little money they have, they are generously giving to help free other slaves. At the end of this story, they will be thrilled by a great surprise.

Friendship Fest

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Tomorrow, the children will enjoy receiving valentines from their classmates. It should be a fun activity filled with smiles and friendship.

Social Studies

Presidents’ Day is a day to celebrate all U.S. presidents past and present. This week, the children specifically learned more information about George Washington. Through a power point slideshow, they toured Washington’s home of Mount Vernon. They saw his face on the quarter and dollar bill and learned a bit about his life from childhood through his presidency. As the children enjoyed a day off from school this past Monday, we hope they shared what they learned about George Washington and Mount Vernon.

Reminder

There is no school Monday, February 15.

