**Second Grade News**

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

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# Math

We are finishing up our unit on time. The students have been introduced to A.M. and P.M. and how these abbreviations represent particular time periods during the day. We are still working to read analog clocks and solve problems involving the changing or passing of time.

 We are at the beginning stage of our study of measuring length. The children are learning about inches, feet, and yards.

# Language Arts

This week, our essential question to lead discussion during our Language Arts lessons has been “What do good citizens do?” We have been reading about and discussing how people display good citizenship in their lives. The children are learning that many stories are told from the point of view of one of the characters. The character’s point of view is how the character sees things and what the character thinks about the events in a story. In word work, the second graders are learning words with the phonic sounds of “ou” as in found and “ow” as in down.

# Writing

Our writing trait focus this week has been on “ideas.” The children are working to use descriptive details to help readers create a clear picture in their minds. We are also focusing on the use of pronouns in our writing and how to use quotation marks when our stories include dialogue.

# Literature

Janet Stevens continues to be our author focus. Many of her stories help us learn lessons through the behaviors of the characters. We continue to enjoy the wrinkly style in which she draws her characters.

# Book-It!

 March Book-Its! are now due. Please help your child to get this form in to his/her teacher. Your child’s April Book-It! form was sent home today. April is the final month for the Book-It! program.

# Science

The second graders have analyzed machines such as mechanical pencils and glue sticks from a mechanical engineer’s perspective. They have been identifying the moving parts of these machines and have been discussing the advantages and disadvantages of various machines. They are also continuing to discover and discuss wind and methods that engineers use to capture its energy.

Concert and Authors’ Tea

 Please mark your calendars for our 2nd grade concert and Authors’ Tea which will be held on **Tuesday, May 17th at 12:30**.

# T-Shirt Day

 In an effort to keep awareness on treating each other with respect and kindness, we will again wear our anti-bullying message T-shirts tomorrow. If your child has his/her shirt at home, please help him/her remember to wear it to school tomorrow (Friday, April 1). Thank you!