



# Ms. Shelley's Second Grade News

## Happy Mother's Day

May 8, 2009

Dear Second Graders and Parents,

We have begun working on many new units of study this past week. Make sure you ask your child all the many things that they have been learning about in the classroom! Some of our class highlights have been finishing writing our chapter books, our chapter book reading clubs and some of math activities we've started. I hope that everyone has a wonderful Mother's Day weekend. :-)

Fondly, Ms. Shelley

**Reading:** This week we read the story The Signmakers Assistant. We focused mainly on realistic versus fantasy events that could have taken place as well as a number of word work activities. We have also been doing an author study on Robert Munsch. Ask us about his books! Next week is our Unit 5 testing week. We will be taking that as well as doing a mini unit of study on African animals and their habitat.

**Math:** Last week we finished our measuring unit. We ended that study with a measuring Olympics where all the children participated in a variety of interactive measuring activities. This week we have been learning how to manipulate numbers up to 1,000. We will carry this study over next week as we look for number patterns and get ready to add and subtract these larger numbers.

**Writing Workshop:** We finished writing our Urban Kid, Rural Kid stories and they are FANTASTIC!!! Next week we will be gin writing how to stories. Our theme will be baseball. Students will be learning how to write clear directions on how to play this sport.

**Theme Study:** This week we have begun our unit on government. We looked at the constitution this week and what the role of the government is. Our class wrote their own Preambles to our class rules. Next week we will be looking at the three different types of government: local, state and federal. In groups we will be discovering what the role is of each type of government.

### *Special points of interest:*

\*We celebrated Mom's this week! Be on the lookout for wish poems that your children have written.



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