

# Ms. Shelley's Second Grade News

## Happy Earth Day!

April 24, 2009

Dear Second Graders and Parents,

Welcome back! I hope that everyone had a fantastic break! We have had a very productive week back to school. Our class did a lot of activities this week to celebrate the Earth. We read, wrote and illustrated different ways that we could help the Earth as well as why the Earth and the many plants and animals on it are so important to us. Look for some of our work in the school wide Monday letter. We also lead the activity this week at the all school morning meeting. Look for pictures on the back. Have a great weekend!!

Fondly, Ms. Shelley

**Reading:** Next week is a testing week. We will be taking the Terra Nova tests, which is a standardized test. We will work on these for about an hour each day next week. Please make sure that your child comes to school well rested!

Throughout the week we will also be doing some read alouds as well as independent reading activities.

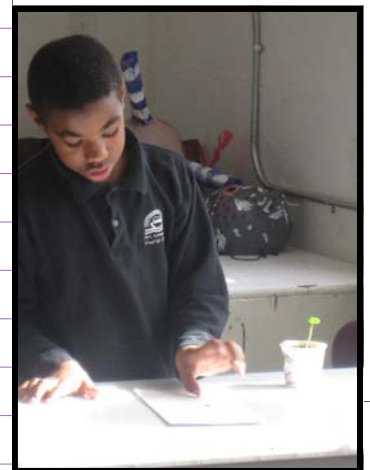
**Writing Workshop:** We are working to finish up the first copy of our Urban Kid, Rural Kid chapter book. We will begin the editing process next week. A big focus right now is on our handwriting. Many of us are starting to rush through our work, leaving our penmanship a little sloppy. Please remind your child of this when they are working on homework!! :-)

**Math:** We are continuing on our measuring unit. Next week we will focus on measuring weight and measuring temperature. We will be learning both the standard system and the metric system.

**Theme Study:** The last part of our community unit will focus on different organizations, jobs and entertainment that can be found in each community. We will be putting together a community book!

*Special points of interest:*

\*Thank you to all parents who responded to your child's portfolio. That was such a wonderful experience for them to review all of their writing!



We performed for the school at the All School Morning Meeting this Friday! We modeled how to do an Earth Day Charades game, where we acted out something that could be done to protect the Earth (walking instead of taking a car). Then, each of the other classes acted out something else that you can do for the planet and we tried to guess their action. A great time was had by all!



Students planted seeds in Ms. Molly's art class. They have been observing and recording their growth!





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