



Ms. Shelley's Second Grade News

Hurray For June!

June 12, 2009

Dear Second Graders and Parents,

Wow! When did June get here? It is hard to believe that school is almost out for the summer! Your children have eagerly been getting ready for third grade these past two weeks. We have been taking many end of the year assessments as well as learning many third grade readiness skills. Check out the subjects below to see the last topics that we are covering in our curriculum. Enjoy these last few weeks of second grade!

Fondly, Ms. Shelley

Reading: These past few weeks we have finished up the last 2 reading stories in our 2nd grade book. Congratulations to all the phenomenal readers in our class! Next week we will finish taking the end of the year reading test as well as do more reading for pleasure. We will keep reading our chapter books, complete some book reports and get ready for summer reading time!

Math: 3rd Grade look out! We are multiplication masters! We even know how to divide too! These are the skills we have been working on these past two weeks. Next week will be a week of review and math games. :)

Writing Workshop: We have been writing a number of short stories recently! We wrote persuasion essays last week, this past week we wrote manatee research reports that will be on display at the show of works. And next week we will finish our writing for the year by writing how to stories about baseball and 2nd grade newspapers.

Theme Study: We have learned all about the endangered mammal the manatee these past few weeks. Look on the back for photos of us learning about this cool creature. Next week we will start our final theme study of economics. More information on that to come soon! :)

Special points of interest:

*Monday June 22 is our trip to Grafton Beach! Be on the lookout next week for a permission slip as well as more information on what to expect.

*Next Wednesday, June 17 is our Show of Works. Please come see the amazing things your children have been doing!!

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We have been creating a life size manatee mural in the classroom. Here are some pictures of us hard at work. To prepare for this we researched a manatees appearance, diet, habitat, behavior and dangers they face.



Checkout the schools website and last weeks Monday letter! There were many pictures and writing displayed in it from our trip to visit the Mayor!



Manatee Cinquain

By Zekiel

Manatees are Sea Cows
Cute, Happy Herbivores
Slow, Gentle Mammal, Swimmer
Sad, Endangered
Sea Cows Love Seaweed!

Manatee Poems!

Instead of taking a written test on manatees, the second graders wrote three different types of manatee poems to display what they had learned about these animals. Here is a sampling of some of the poems they created!

Manatee Acrostic Poem

By Ron

Mammals
A Sea cow
Nice
A grass eater
Thick, rough skin
Eat 100 pounds a day
Eats seaweed

Manatee Acrostic Poem

By Abbaas

Mammals
Are in danger
Nice
Algae
They eat seaweed
Easy to swim
Easy to bleed when hit.

Manatee Haiku

By Kristal

Manatees Swim Slow
Manatees get hit by boats
They can die by trash.

The Dangers of Manatee Haiku

By Shaylie

Manatees need help.
Manatees get hit by boats.
Trash is bad for manatees.

Manatee Acrostic Poem

By Jazmin

M- good Mammals
A-Animal
N-Nurse their young
A-need Air
T-They live in salt water
E-Eats lots of seaweed
E-Eats too much garbage

Manatee Haiku

By Renard

Happy Herbivore
Manatees should eat seaweed
Happy Manatees

Manatees Are Great Cinquain

By Tiarra

Big, Gray
Slow, Eating, Swimming
Happy, Sad when hurt
Sea Creature





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