



Ms. Shelley's Second Grade News

October 17, 2008

What's New In Second

Dear Second Graders and Parents,

There are many exciting things coming up this week. Primarily, I would like to welcome Ms. H into our school community! She will be student teaching in our classroom for the next 7 weeks. We look forward to having another teacher in the classroom to help your children learn and grow. I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Fondly,
Ms. Shelley

Reading: This week begins our second reading unit. We will be reading the story Tara and Tiree: Fearless Friends, a story about two dogs that come to the rescue when there is a dangerous situation. We will be thinking about how to sequence this story as well as other leveled books we read. Our phonics skill this week will be r-controlled words. Happy Reading!

Math: This week we will continue to explore place value. This includes thinking about numbers in the tens and ones place, comparing and ordering numbers, as well as finding number patterns. We are also still working on basic math facts. I encourage all students to practice these at home. Even using flash cards for 5-10 minutes a day would be beneficial!

Writing Workshop: This week is a wrap up week. We will finish typing our Five River Haiku's (look for them in the next class newsletter) as well as publishing some of our fall stories. Keep up the wonderful writing second graders!

Theme Study: Plants, plants and more plants! We will be starting experiments regarding what plants need to survive as well as learning about photosynthesis -how plants are able to make their own food!

Special points of interest:

- Wednesday, Oct. 22nd is picture day! You may *dress up* that day. :-)
- We have had incidents recently of students bringing toys and money into school. Please make sure your child doesn't have either of these in the classroom as they have become quite a distraction. Thank you!

• **Happy Birthday Tiarra!! :)**



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Our Five Rivers

What a trip we had! All of the students did such an exceptional job investigating what can be found in nature this time of year. It was wonderful to see them so excited and engaged! We looked at signs of animal life and different types of plants while we were there. We also explored different types of habitats. I have included a couple of pictures in this letter. Next week I will include more with students haiku's about what they saw and did. What a fantastic day!



Here we are creating observational drawings at a sitting area by the stream.



Looking at the many things to be seen in a pond!



Posing for the camera!



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