



Ms. Shelley's Second Grade News

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Celebrating Fall!

Dear Second Graders and Parents,

This has been a very busy week! Yesterday was our trip to Five Rivers. Although it was very cold, we still were able to have a fantastic time and learned a lot about plants, animals and the habitats that they live in. We also were able to use a map to help guide us around one of the trails. Look for pictures of this trip in next weeks newsletter as well as haiku's that your children will be writing. Have a wonderful and restful weekend and I look forward to next week!

Fondly, Ms. Shelley

Special points of interest:

- Ms. Theresa will be subbing in our classroom for Ms. Jessica for the next couple of months. We are very lucky to have her with us!
- Recess Time!

Reading: Wow! We have finished unit 1 already! Next week will be an assessment week to test all the skills that students have learned in reading so far this year. Besides testing, we will also be working on a pumpkin project! Students will be reading books about pumpkins, sequencing a pumpkins life cycle and creating their own pumpkin books.

Math: We took our unit 2 math test today! Next week we will begin unit 3. The math skills that we will be working on are counting and using numbers in groups of tens and ones, reading math words and comparing numbers. Although our basic math facts unit is done, please keep practicing your math facts at home!!

Theme Study: We started talking about what makes up communities this week. We thought about laws that we have in our community and why they are needed. We also learned about people who work in communities. Next week we will learn about different types of communities. This includes rural, urban and suburban places.

Writing Workshop: We wrote biopoems this week to describe ourselves. Next week we will be reading a book about haiku's, which is a type of poetry, and then writing our own haiku's about our trip to Five Rivers.



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Learning in Math

Each day in math we learn a new math skill. Before practicing these skills with paper and pencil, we always do a hands on activity to practice the concept first. Here are some pictures of us using balancing scales to practice finding the missing addend in an equation.



Practice At Home!

$9 + \underline{\quad} = 15$

$15 - \underline{\quad} = 9$

$12 = 7 + \underline{\quad}$

$7 = 12 - \underline{\quad}$

$4 + \underline{\quad} = 9$

$9 - 4 = \underline{\quad}$



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