



Ms. Shelley's Second Grade News

October 23, 2009

Five Rivers Edition!

Dear Second Graders and Parents,

Big News! Ms. Jessica had her baby! Little baby Paightyn arrived on Wednesday, October 14th, and both mom and baby are doing great! We can't wait to hear more about her and to see more pictures! :-)

In other news, our class wrote and wrote and wrote this week! We authored 2 books, one about pumpkins and the other was a math counting story! We also wrote a couple different types of poems. We can't wait to share them all with you! Have a wonderful weekend.

Fondly, Ms. Shelley

Special points of interest:

- Next Friday, October 30th, is a half day! Dismissal time is at 11am.
- As a class we will not be celebrating Halloween. Instead, next Friday we will be having a small Harvest Festival to celebrate all the fall writing that we have been working on!

Reading: Our testing week is over and we are onto unit 2! We will start the unit by reading the story Tara and Tiree, a true story about two dogs that become hero's. We will be talking about what makes a hero and the role of animal helpers. We will also be working on sequencing stories and ideas this week. Our phonics focus will be on r-Controlled words, which are words that have -ar, -or or -ore in them.

Math: Next week in math we will be looking at how to estimate numbers as well as how to find patterns in a hundreds chart. We will also be exploring odd and even numbers and looking at data charts. Let's not forget that we are also still working on our basic math facts!!!!

Theme Study: Second graders now know the difference between urban, rural and suburban communities, just ask us! Next week we will continue studying these communities, researching the similarities and differences between living in the different settings. We will also be creating maps of these areas!

Writing Workshop: Check out the back of this newsletter to read our Five Rivers Haikus that we wrote this week! They turned out great! Next week we will continue poetry by writing feeling poems and rhyming poems.

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Our Trip to Five Rivers!

Although last Thursday was quite a chilly day, we still managed to have a great time exploring the outdoor habitats at Five Rivers! We followed a map to lead us around a beaver pond and we checked out different plants and animals that lived around a stream habitat. When we returned to school, we made a list of all the things we saw and did on this trip. We then read a story called Haiku Hike written by elementary students just like us. Once we knew how to write haiku's, a kind of poem that paints a picture with words in your mind, we picked our favorite things off the list that we saw at Five Rivers and wrote our own Haiku. The tricky thing about Haiku's is that they can only be 3 lines long, with 5 syllables in the first line, 7 syllables in the second line and 5 syllables again in the third line. Check out how we expressed

Plants

We saw many plants
Plants are green and very tall
Plants grow in the ground
By: Ojiaha

The Chipmunk is Going to Hibernate

The Chipmunk stores nuts.
The chipmunk will hibernate.
The chipmunk scampers.
By: Janelle

The Fake Animal

I saw a fake bear.
A fake bear looks like hunting.
A fake bear is cool.
By: Sameko

The Caterpillar

It was very small
It was fuzzy, orange and black
It was weird and cool
By: Josh



The Waterfall

Water shooting down
Waterfalls are cool to see
Bridge up from water
By: Julian

The Poison Ivy

The poison ivy.
When you lean on a 3 leaf
You will get itchy.
By: Elijah

The Caterpillar Story

It's very fuzzy
I saw a caterpillar
It was wonderful
By: Shy'Leah

Snakes

They slither around
They live in the hole and move
They are very cool
By: Ojiaha

Deer Footprints

We did not see deer
Deer were there to make footprints
I like deer footprints
By: Julian

A Haiku About A Fish

The fish were funny
They swim in the cold water
The swim all day long
By: Shy'Leah



The Snake

A snake moves slowly.
I don't want to play with them!
A snake is not fake.
By: Sameko

The Swamp

The swamp is dirty.
The swamp is green and muddy.
I LIKE THE NICE SWAMP!
By: Elijah

Crayfish

Blending in with rocks
Swimming in the cold water
Looks like a black crab
By: Yasir

I Like the Colors

I like the tree leaves
Leaves are beautiful colors
Red, yellow, orange, brown
By: Josh

Five Rivers

Waterfall sliding.
Owl glides in the forest.
Snakes slide silently.
By: Takeil



Chipmunks

They hop through the trees
We saw a little chipmunk
Eating yummy nuts
By: Arianna

Stumps

They look like trees
People sit on stumps
Stumps have bugs on them.
By: Yasir



Chipmunks

Chipmunks look for nuts
They scam all around the woods
They can hibernate
By: Olivia

The Cool Turtle

Turtles move slowly.
They move silent all around.
They are beautiful.
By: Caleb

The Bird Hike

Birds like to sing songs
There are many kinds of birds
They like to migrate
By: Hector



Owl

Owls eat gray mice.
Owls sleep in the morning.
Owls sleep a lot.
By: Precious

Owl

The owl gliding.
Owl had only one wing.
The owl is sad.
By: Precious



The Nice Leaves

Leaves are beautiful.
Change to yellow, orange and red.
They fall from the trees.
By: Caleb

The Haiku Snake

The snake likes water
The snake slithers all around
They enjoy a swim
By: Hector

Waterfall

They are real to me.
Waterfalls are in rivers.
Waterfalls are nice.
By: Zalayah

The Crayfish

They live in the stream.
Crayfish like to play and crawl.
Crayfish like to eat.
By: Eduardo