

November 20, 2009

Ms. Shelley's Second Grade News

Happy Thanksgiving!

Dear Second Graders and Parents,

I hope that everyone is getting ready for the Thanksgiving holiday coming up next week. We spent time this week thinking about what we are thankful for. I'd like to invite you all to come to the Thanksgiving dinner at our school next Monday evening. It should be a wonderful event to get together as a community. Please make sure you have replied to the invitation. Also, I'd like to remind you that next Tuesday is parent teacher conferences and our show of works. I look forward to meeting with all of you!

Fondly, Ms. Shelley

Reading: We read the story A Turkey for Thanksgiving this past week. It was a fantasy story that students were able to read as a play. Ask them what the surprise ending in the story was! This week we also had the opportunity to read about the pilgrims who landed in Plymouth and to write our own Thankful books. Next week we will spend time reading some more Thanksgiving stories and finishing up some other reading projects.

Math: We finished our money unit last week! This is a skill we will be coming back to however, so keep having your children practice this at home! We have now begun a mental math unit where students are adding and subtracting tens and ones in their head.

Theme Study: Last week we finished our Urban, Rural, Suburban map. It looks fantastic!! We have now begun our landform unit. We started off by reading about the different landforms, and then forming them out of play dough. We are now creating landform flip books! Look for these to be on display at the Show of Works next week. :-)

Special points of interest:

- Half day next Tuesday. Please be ready for your children to be coming home at 11am.
- No school Wednesday—Friday. Enjoy the break!

Writing Workshop: We have started writing our letters for the Great American Mail Race! Not only are we learning about friendly letters, but we are also learning how to construct a complete paragraph!

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Money Rap

Our second grade class learned a rap to go along with our money unit. Even though we are not working on money anymore, please make sure your child knows this song! It is a great way for them to remember the values of coins!

Well I know a song
It's really kind of funny
It's all about coins
And learning to count money

Pennies, Nickels, Dimes and Quarters
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Now a penny means one
And a nickel makes five
Dimes are worth ten
And a quarters twenty-five

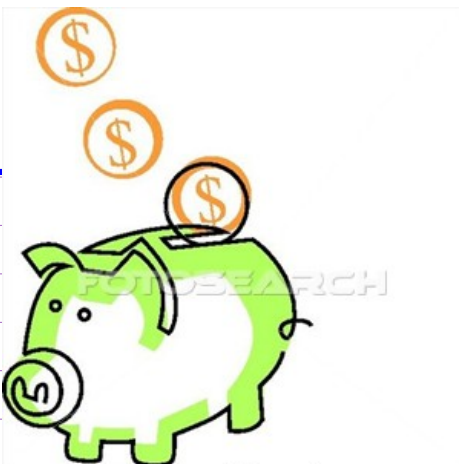
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Five pennies make a nickel,
Two nickels make a dime.
Two dimes and a nickel make a quarter
And it's mine!

Pennies, Nickels, Dimes and Quarters
Pennies, Nickels, Dimes and Quarters

Four quarters make a dollar
And that is quite a lot
Four quarters in my pocket
Is exactly what I've got!

Pennies, Nickels, Dimes and Quarters
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