

Second Grade Newsletter

Week of May 14

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide you with some insight as to what is happening in our busy second grade classroom. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me by phone, email, or note.

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Upcoming Week Reminders:

Monday	May 21	Send in completed math packets (due May 18)
Tuesday	May 22	Memory
Wednesday	May 23	Chapel
Thursday	May 24	Memory
Friday	May 25	NO Spelling test, AR PARTY

*No homework for the remainder of the year! **Please note, we DO have memory next week!**

*Library books will need to be returned on **Tuesday, May 22.**

*I would like to watch the movie *Ant Bully*. However, it is PG. I watched it at home and it does say "stupid." If you do not want your second grader to see it please let me know.

*Next week we will start our ant homes, so please make sure you have a shoebox at school.

Literacy

This week we started our ant unit. We learned about their body parts and how intricate their anthills are. Although small creatures, with teamwork, they can be very destructive and incredibly strong. Students were given the opportunity to discover their own ant facts. It was fun to watch them share fun facts as we discussed ants throughout the day. We also learned about Leafcutter ants and Carpenter ants.

With our ant unit, we are focusing on main idea and details. We took information learned and constructed it into an expository paragraph. In conjunction with our biography unit, we learned about Benjamin Franklin and the great influence he had on American society. You will notice that our Reader's Notebooks will be coming home. Obviously, we did not complete every page, but rather the ones I felt would help your second grader grow academically. You may do whatever you wish as they enter your house!

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Math

We learned about right, obtuse, and straight angles. We practiced our geometry skill with story problems and reviewed the chapter. A test was taken and sent home. We also started our data unit and practiced graphing.

Science

Solid, liquids, and gases were discussed. We also did an experiment with an ice cube and salt. Then we took the experiment outside to see what the best way was to melt the ice cube. Second graders were very clever!

Religion

This week, our lessons focused on the story of the prophet Elijah in 1 Kings. In the story of Elijah and the Ravens, we read about how God's people had turned away from him. At this time in Israel, King Ahab was the ruler and he was not a very good king. His people were not worshipping God. Elijah spoke to the King and prophesied that God would take away the water and dew from the unfaithful people. The Lord sent Elijah away, protected him from the king, and sent ravens to feed him in the morning and evening. We learned that God shows his love for us no matter the situation. Elijah was faithful and God cared for him. In the story of Elijah and the Widow, we read about how God takes care of his faithful servants. God's promises are proven true when He kept the widow and Elijah feed on just a little flour and oil. He also brought the widow's son back to life. God shows his love for us by proving His Word is powerful and true.

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