

Second Grade News

December

Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that as I am sitting here writing our monthly news letter we are nearing the halfway point of the year. We have done so much already this year and the progress the students have shown is remarkable.

In math we have recently wrapped up our first unit which dealt with coins and combinations. The students learned many different strategies for combining and separating. Ask your student to tell what the difference is between putting together and taking apart. We recently began our second unit, which is a geometry unit. This unit deals with identifying shapes in our world and understanding the properties individual shapes have. Help your student look for and identify different shapes in the environment.

The students have all done a wonderful job in writer's workshop. Our first unit focused on personal narratives and small moments. Our current unit focuses on a different type of nonfiction: "How to" and "All about books". The students have been working very hard on these and their books are coming out great. Please ask your student what their "how to" topic is.

This month has brought the end to our first science unit on weather and our study of Native Americans of the North East. Ask your student why the water cycle is so important and what one thing keeps the cycle going. We have begun to study Native American tribes of the South East. We have had many great geography conversations discussing the differences between the climate in the north east and the climate in the south east. Ask your child about how life might be different if you lived in the south east. This month the students are also looking forward to a visit from Dan Cripps. He is going to be bringing his tipi to school to share stories with the children about what life would have been like to live in a tipi.

As we are nearing the official start to winter please send your student to school with appropriate winter clothing. The kids will be going out for recess in the snow and they will need snow pants, boots, gloves, and hats.

Important dates:

Dan Cripps - 12/19

Room 11 winter party - week of 12/17

Winter break begins - 12/21

Thank you,

Micah Greene