

News from Mrs. Behrenwald's  
Second Grade  
October 15, 2010



Science

We have finished our first Science unit— Science Process Skills using the Force and Motion unit, and your student should have brought home the Science journal they compiled. During each Science unit the students do various activities and investigations. Each of these has a recording or thinking paper that is completed during that activity. At the end of each unit we organize the pages and staple them together before the journals are taken home.

Our new unit focuses on the Physical Science concepts of Properties, Measurement, and Mixtures. Our current Math unit is Measurement which will go along nicely with the Science unit.

Math

If you're in our building, please stop by to see the dogs the students made and measured during our Measuring unit. Working in groups of three, the students made a dog and measured it from its nose to its tail.

We have also been working on place value (ones, tens, and hundreds) with Mrs. Zehnder, our Title Math teacher. Understanding how numbers work helps students develop a better number sense.

Writer's Workshop

Students have been busy writing "Small Moment" stories. They decide on a true event that has happened to them and develop it into a written story. This past week students have been learning about writing story "leads"—action, dialogue, and time and place. Ask your student to share their story ideas with you. ☺

Reader's Workshop

Each day we go to the computer lab for  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour. Many of the students are working on the computerized phonics program Lexia. This program has various levels that the students work through. Our class is one of two classes at LES using this program daily. Students not participating in Lexia during this time will be doing various literacy activities such as independent reading and using educational computer sites.

Upcoming Dates

Wednesday, October 20-----book order due

Friday, October 29-----Halloween party



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