



BACK TO SCHOOL!



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Second Grade Times

Classroom Learning...

Well, we've almost made it through our second week of school and the leaning has begun! We've done a variety of "get-to-know-you" activities and organized our supplies. Please make sure to check and sign your child's agenda each night.

In math the students are learning about place value. They are also skip counting, arranging ordinal numbers and differentiating between odd and even numbers. This quarter, students will also learn to round to the nearest ten, compare numbers and even work with fractions.

This week in social studies we began constructing globes and located the seven continents and five oceans. As the unit progresses, students will be able to identify and locate major U.S. rivers, lakes and mountain ranges.

During our reading workshop students are learning how to keep track of their thoughts while reading. They have also been working on applying decoding strategies to help them enhance their comprehension, as well as strategies to help them select "just right books." Students will discuss the difference between "real" reading and "pretend" reading and have been practicing behaviors of good reader's.

In writing students are learning all about the writing workshop expectations and procedures. They have begun to understand that they are writers and that as such, they need to make important decisions such as: what to write about, how to begin, who is going to read their piece and when a piece is finished. It's wonderful to see our students become more confident in their writing abilities.

Last week students learned the reasons for proper behavior on the school bus, in the classroom and on the playground. Also, students contributed to the creation of their classroom rules. This week students have been practicing good hand hygiene and the proper way to cover a cough or sneeze in order to prevent the spread of colds and flu.

Key Vocabulary

Social Studies:

compass rose	globe	map
continents	title	map legend
mountain range	equator	ocean
lake	river	north
south	east	west
Mississippi River	James River	Great Lakes
Rocky Mountains	Virginia	Rio Grande
Appalachian Mountains		

Five oceans: Atlantic, Arctic, Indian, Pacific and Southern

Seven continents: Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America and South America

Mrs. Bush, Mrs. DeSatnick, Mrs. Garner, Mrs. Luther and Mrs. Purcell