News from Ms. Holland’s 2nd grade

Oct. 20, 2017

**Important Dates:**

**Oct. 20**- Early Release

**Oct. 26**- Field Trip- Greensboro Science Center

**Oct. 31**- Teacher Workday

**Nov. 10**- Veteran’s Day Holiday

**Reminders:**

**Field Trip: Please be sure to send me a check or pay online for the field trip by Oct. 23rd**. Thank you!

Also, please note that if you must provide transportation for your child to and from school on this day. Please be at school at 4:15 to receive your child from the trip unless they attend LAFS.

**Absences:** If your child is absent from school, I need a note stating the reason when he or she returns. Otherwise, I must mark it as unexcused. Please note that family trips are not excused unless an educational absence form is filled out and approved by Mr. Cohen.

**Behavior:** We are seeing some unkind behaviors in class. Please support our efforts and reinforce the act of kindness with your student. Above all else, we need to be kind and respectful.

**This week in class:**

**Reader’s Workshop**: We practiced our routines and procedures when setting up for reader’s workshop. We also reviewed what we should stop and jot about while reading as many of us were not thinking about our reading. Finally, we began a new unit of study on being the boss of our reading and stopping when we have trouble with words rather than plowing through or giving up.

**Writing Workshop**: We finished publishing our books and began another unit on narrative writing. This time we will focus on small moments that were meaningful while continuing to incorporate skills we learned in the first unit such as making characters come alive and writing exciting beginnings.

**Math:** We began problem solving this week using numbers within 20. The math standard for 2nd grade is to know their math facts within 20 fluently by the end of the year. Research shows this is best accomplished through problem solving, subitizing and number talks. We are also using the WISE model and bar models to help us organize our thoughts.

**Science**: We explored if water evaporates quicker in a cup with or without a lid. We also explored which liquids moved faster: soap, oil or water.

Have a great 2 ½ day weekend!

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