



Miss Johnson

# SECOND GRADE SCOOP



Room 6

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## Week at a Glance:

**Grammar**--This week our grammar focus was on plural nouns. We learned which words need an s, es, and ies to make them plural. The students created a book to help them remember these rules.

**Math**--We continued to work on two-digit addition with regrouping. The children need to keep practicing this concept, and should remember to show the carrying of the tens into the tens place. Next week, we will begin Subtraction with regrouping, which is much more challenging than adding. Please spend some extra time next week reviewing this at home.

**Writing**--Long Ago and Yesterday: The students reviewed the information they gathered while interviewing their relatives. They chose their three favorite topics to write about in a detailed paragraph. We used the Step Up to Writing process to organize our writing, using a T-chart. The final paragraph included a topic sentence, details, explanations and a conclusion. Soon we will start typing the final draft in the computer lab. We will also be drawing a picture of this relative. Be sure your child can remember what he or she looks like! This will be a wonderful keepsake!

**Science**--This week we had our first lesson in our "Living Classroom" series. We had docents come in to teach us about the life cycle of a tomato plant. We learned the words "parents" and "offspring," and we studied how different living

things look like their parents. During this lesson, we squeezed out tomatoes to remove the pulp and seeds. We are now letting them ferment so we can remove the seeds from their outer coating. Later on in the week, we were able to plant wheat near our classroom for another science lesson we will do in the springtime--Thank you to Mrs. Daetz for helping us!

Springer Pumpkin Patch--Our school had small pumpkins donated to us from the Milk Pail. Mrs. Daetz and several parents turned our school garden into a pumpkin patch. We got to pick out our own pumpkins and listen to a Halloween story out in the garden. We also weighed our pumpkins together--Our class picked out 14 1/4 pounds of pumpkins!

Halloween--Thank you for participating in our Spooky celebration for Halloween! We are doing Halloween centers from 10:20-11:50. Christa sent out an email with materials needed. If you volunteer to bring something for our project, please bring it in next week! We also need parents to help the kids change into their costumes for the parade (at 12:35). Please email me if you can help out with that.

Dates To Remember--

Photo Make-ups--Thursday, October 30th

Halloween Centers—Friday, October 31st from 10:20-11:50

Costume changing at 12:35

Halloween Parade at 1:15

Have a great weekend!

*Miss Johnson*