



Miss Johnson

# SECOND GRADE SCOOP



Room 6

October 31, 2008

## Week at a Glance:

**Grammar**--This week our grammar topic was verbs. The children acted out various verbs in a game of charades. They had a great time sharing their acting abilities! We also read *Saturday Night at the Dinosaur Stomp* and found some verbs that really rocked!

**Math**--We worked on subtracting two and three digit numbers with regrouping. We are using base ten blocks showing how to subtract using a Hundreds, Tens, and Ones chart. I am trying to help them understand why we need to regroup, instead of simply memorizing how to do it. The children are doing a fantastic job with a very difficult concept. We will continue to practice this next week. Ask your child to explain the 3 B's of subtraction: Bottom, Bigger, Borrow.

- Please note that the next Chapter test on addition with regrouping is coming home in the Friday Folders. Please review the concepts your child had difficulty with and spend some extra time practicing them at home. These concepts have been reviewed many times in class and as homework; but will continue to show up in the curriculum throughout the year.

The tests are graded in two ways. The first score is for the math concept covered in the unit (addition with regrouping in this particular test) and the second score denoted as MR is Math Reasoning. These are the last five problems of the test in which the students need to apply their knowledge of math concepts to solve the problem. Generally the last problem on the math homework pages (from Math Coach) are additional Math Reasoning practice and will be similar to the problems on the test.

*Literature*--We have finished up *Flatfoot Fox* and the students were great detectives! We figured out who stole Fat Cat's missing glass eye and we wrote down the clues we used in a detective journal.

*Science*--This week, we continued our investigation on spinners. We made twirly birds with different types of wings to try out. We learned that the force acting upon the twirlers is gravity and the air resistance slowed the spinners down.

*Writing*--For Writer's Workshop, we've learned about four different kinds of story endings we can use: Remember or Reflect, Surprise, Start all over, and Teach a lesson. We have been identifying these endings in other stories we read.

*Buddy Class*--We got together with our sixth grade buddies--the students from Ms. Wilson's class! Students read some Halloween stories together and got acquainted. We will meet again in November for a Thanksgiving project!

*Music*--We started music this week and learned a fun game along with a Halloween song! A big thank you to Mrs. Fischer-Colbrie for leading us in music this year!! We will have music on Wednesdays at 1:50.

*Halloween*--Thank you for participating in our Spooky celebration. Students are excited to make popcorn hands, play Halloween BINGO, create their own monster, and watch a Halloween video. We had so many volunteers for this event--A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL!

*Dates To Remember*--

No school--Monday, November 10th

Veteran's Day/No school--Tuesday, November 11th

Report Cards--Friday, November 21st

Parent/Teacher Conferences--November 24th and 25th

Happy Halloween!

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