



Second Grade Looks Back What did we do in November?

Writing and Science and Math, oh my!

In November the second graders explored many types of writing. They wrote descriptive paragraphs about our garden and about what it would be like to be an ant. They wrote expository pieces comparing and contrasting ants and rocks. They wrote instructions on how to make an "ocean in a bottle," and they worked on stories that we will link together to make one big group story. Along the way, they have been learning about nouns, verbs, and adjectives, proper sentence structure, and subjects and predicates.

In science we focused on states of matter, in particular liquids. The students observed and classified different mystery liquids. They examined water drops and compared them to oil drops. They explored surface tension by fitting as many water drops as possible on the surface of a penny. They watched how food coloring behaves in different liquids and made their own salad dressing. We also linked our study of liquids to math, making a bar graph and a pictograph of our favorite liquids.

In addition to bar graphs and pictographs, the second graders were introduced to line graphs. They practiced answering questions based on data in a graph. They are learning to look for the clues that indicate whether a problem will be solved through addition or subtraction (words such as 'altogether' or 'how many more'). They are also building their math vocabulary, learning terms such as 'sum,' 'difference,' and 'ordered pairs.'

This December we are looking forward to learning about winter holidays and celebrations, and sharing our family traditions. In January, the students will share and discover ways to boost well-being through good nutrition and healthy habits.

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