



SECOND GRADE WEEKLY PLANS

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Virtues: Hope, Joy, and Wonder

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Read Aloud: The Tale of Despereau by K. deCamillo

Dear Parents,

The cycle is almost complete! It was with great joy and wonder that the second graders discovered silkworm moths emerging from their cocoons this morning! Then, astonishingly, within moments they were mating. The second grade words to describe this stage of the life cycle are, "They're rubbing their body parts together." So far, this is the only comment I have been hearing. Don't be surprised if you get questions, however. I do chickens and insects, but any wonderings about human reproduction are met with calm and supportive advice to "ask Mom or Dad."



Language Arts: This week we will begin reading two of Ann Cameron's books. I will read The Stories Julian Tells aloud and the children will have their own copies of More Stories Julian Tells to read as assigned. Both stories will provide plenty of fodder for discussion and activities. The first chapter from the read-aloud, The Stories Julian Tells, deals with the boys and some trouble with lemon pudding. I will bring some in and teach the second graders about similes; as they will tell you, Julian's father made a pudding that "was as smooth as a night on the sea."

History: This week will continue to learn about the Hindu religion, some of the gods and goddesses, and some Indian folktales. Today, I read, The Stonecutter by Pam Newton and had the kids complete a sequencing worksheet. You can do an at-home comprehension check to see if your child is able to retell the basic plot of the story. Later this week they will hear the folktales, "The Tiger, the Brahman, and the Jackal" and "The Blind Men and the Elephant".

Math: Today we reviewed renaming across a zero in the tens place and will continue to practice this week. We will also move on to Chapter Four. It is the introduction to model drawing. On Thursday or Friday, I will introduce a website used for model drawing. I actually prefer it to the one provided by Math-in-Focus. You will find it at <http://www.mathplayground.com/thinkingblocks.html>. I received a report from Xtramath; 8 students worked on their fact mastery so far! Yay!

Other News:

1. Please remember that the school photos may be ordered online this year.
2. Don't forget the Moonlight Trail Hike on October 26th from 6:30 to 7:30.
3. Please consider coming to Dr. Freeberg's Core Knowledge Coffee on Friday, October 28th at 8:15 in the Library. His presentation is informative and interesting. It is well-worth your time.
4. There is no school on Tuesday, November 1st as it is a Faculty Workshop Day. Your Halloween revelers can sleep a little later.
5. Friday, 11/11 is "Bring a Friend to School Day." You will soon be receiving information on this event. I will put the flyers and invitations in homework folders when I receive them from the office.

Be well,
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