



Dickerson Elementary School  
Chester NJ  
Second Grade  
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# Mrs. Westberg's Classroom News!

## Class News!

I am looking forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday! Thank you for all your help with our 3 weeks of virtual learning. I am really proud of the class. Everyone worked really hard to stay on task. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions. I can be reached at [samantha.westberg@chester-nj.org](mailto:samantha.westberg@chester-nj.org).

- ★ No School 1/18-MLK Day
- ★ Return to School: Tuesday, 1/19

## Science and Social Studies

This week, we resumed our SEL program. This week, we learned how to manage strong emotions, specifically anger. We talked about different strategies to calm down (stop, name your feeling, count back or on, belly breaths). We also learned a new song called the Calm Down Song. In science, we continued to learn about matter. We discussed the molecules in the three states of matter. We also talked about how matter changes states. Students really enjoyed the matter sort. Next week, we will learn about Martin Luther King Jr. We will also conduct some in-person science experiments.

## Language Arts

This week, our spelling list focused on digraphs sh, ch, wh, th and ph. Next week, our list will focus on r blends. In writing, we continued our nonfiction unit. Students used an I chart organizer to write facts they learned for each chapter. We also started writing Chapter 1. Next week, we will continue to work on our informational writing. In reading, we learned about supporting details. Students took sentences and organized them into a main idea and supporting details. Next week, students will learn about Fact and Opinion. We will also work on new nonfiction center choices.

## Math

This week we continued Topic 5: Subtraction Strategies. We learned how to use break apart and compensation to subtract. We also practiced solving one step and two step word problems. We reviewed using bar diagrams to help us determine if we need to add or subtract. Sometimes in a two step problem, we need to do both! We will have a review day on Tuesday and I will give the Topic 5 assessment in person on Wednesday. Our next unit is Topic 7: More Solving Problems Involving Addition and Subtraction.

