



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

## Class News!

The students did a great job returning to school this week. I loved seeing everyone...this was the first week that some students met in person! If you have still have rhythm sticks from music, please return them ASAP. 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).

### Wish List

- ★ Expo Markers

## Science and Social Studies

This week, we learned about Martin Luther King Jr. We talked about his dream for his children and our country. We created a poster highlighting important life events. Students offered some great perspective and insight when discussing equal rights for all. We also continued our investigation of the states of matter. We observed and recorded the characteristics of solids and liquids. We learned new words like rigid and viscous. We also conducted an experiment comparing the absorbency and strength of two different brands of paper towels. Next week, we will investigate changes to matter!

## Language Arts

This week, our spelling list focused on r blends ar and or. Next week, our list will focus on r blends er, ir and ur. In writing, we continued our nonfiction unit. Students worked on Chapter 1: Description, Chapter 2: Diet and Habitat and Chapter 3: Life Cycle. Next week, we will write our introductions and conclusions. In reading, we learned about fact and opinion. We loved the fact or opinion Kahoot game. Next week, students will learn about nonfiction text features, such as photos, captions, glossary, index and table of contents. Guided reading groups will also be working on nonfiction.

## Math

This week we completed our Topic 5 assessment. I am really proud of how well the class demonstrated their knowledge of different subtraction strategies. We started our next unit, Topic 7: More Solving Problems Involving Addition and Subtraction. In this unit, we will learn how to determine if a word problem is asking us to add or subtract. Students will learn how to use bar diagrams to organize the word problems. We will also continue to practice one step and two step word problems. Please continue to practice adding and subtracting two digit numbers with and without regrouping at home.

