



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

Class News!

We had a wonderful week! It was cold out, so please make sure to bundle up each day. Please send in your valentines by Friday, February 5th. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions. I can be reached at samantha.westberg@chester-nj.org.

Wish List

★ Expo Markers

Science and Social Studies

This week was filled with matter experiments. On Monday, we learned how heat changes matter. We added heat to a marble, a rock, crayons, pancake mix and batter. Heat did not change the marble or the rock. The heat melted the crayon, but then it turned back to a solid and was the same as before we melted it. We learned that is a physical change. The butter and the pancake mix changed and did not change back to their original state or make up. We learned this is called a chemical change. On Wednesday, we observed how heat changes different types of candy. On Thursday, we made Oobleck! This was a favorite for the class. On Friday, we reviewed our knowledge with one of our favorite activities, Kahoot! We've wrapped up our matter unit and we will begin biographies next week.

Language Arts

This week, our spelling list focused on r blends er, ir and ur. Next week, our list will focus on the digraph ea. In writing, we continued our nonfiction unit. Students worked on their introductions and conclusions. Next week, we will write our fun facts, compare and contrast page and table of contents. In reading, we learned about nonfiction text features, such as table of contents, index, captions, etc. Next week, students will learn about structures of nonfiction (compare and contrast, description, how to). Guided reading groups continue to read nonfiction and practice identifying nonfiction features.

Math

This week we completed Topic 7. We will take the Topic 7 assessment on Monday. Please continue to practice adding and subtracting two digit numbers with and without regrouping at home. Students also need to identify if they need to add or subtract after reading a word problem. We will also begin our new unit on Money and Time next week. We will review the coins and their value and also practice counting coins up to one dollar. It always helps to practice counting by 10s, 5s and 1s as we prepare to count money.

