

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

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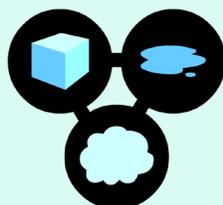
Happy New Year! I hope everyone was able to rest and recharge over the break. We had a great week virtually. Please respond to my email to let me know if your child will be attending in-person or virtual when we return on January 19th. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions. I can be reached at samantha.westberg@chester-nj.org.

★ Remote Learning: 1/4-1/15

★ Return to School: Tuesday, 1/19

Science and Social Studies

This week, we started our new unit on matter. We learned about the three states of matter. We also talked about how the molecules change in different states of matter. Students also looked around their homes to find the various states of matter. Next week, we will continue to learn about matter. We will discuss how matter changes from one state to another. Students will also learn about chemical and physical changes. We will also resume our Second Step lessons. When we return to school, we will conduct various hands-on experiments to review what we learned about matter.



Language Arts

This week, our spelling list focused on silent letters. Next week, our list will focus on digraphs sh, ch, wh, th and ph. In writing, we started our nonfiction unit. Each student created a poster about a topic they already know about. I was so impressed with the variety of topics and learned some new information. We also brainstormed a list of three animals to write about. I introduced the I chart graphic organizer. In reading, we talked about main idea. We read passages to discover the main idea and information that did not belong. Next week, we will learn about supporting details.

Math

This week we started Topic 5: Subtraction Strategies. We learned how to use a hundred chart to subtract. We also learned how to use an open number line. We practiced counting back on the open number line and adding up to subtract on a number line. Please continue to practice simple subtraction facts. Mastery of facts will allow students to subtract more efficiently and accurately. Next week, we will learn how to break apart numbers and subtract using compensation. I will postpone the math assessment until the week we return to school.