



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

Class News!

Can you believe it is December already? I can't! Thank you for your help with keeping everyone safe and healthy. I will continue to send home work for an entire week ahead of time, so that we are prepared for any unexpected virtual days. If your child comes to school in-person, this work must stay in their remote learning or take home folder. They will need it if we are in school. Please understand that the days we need certain materials are flexible. I try to plan ahead but sometimes concepts need to be revisited before moving on. Thank you for the recess donations! Students are loving their personal recess baskets. If you need anything, I can be reached at samantha.westberg@chester-nj.org.

Wish List-Expo Markers

Science and Social Studies

This week, we continued our Becoming America unit. We learned about explorers, colonists, the 1700's and the 1800's. On Friday, students used Pebble Go and Google Slides to research and share information about a famous Native American leader. Next week, we will begin to learn about different winter holidays. We will focus on Diwali and Hannukah next week. We will also read one of my favorite books, The Chanukkah Guest.



Language Arts

This week, our spelling list focused on final blends and verbs. Next week's list will focus on the two sounds of y and adjectives. In writing, we are learning about responding to reading. We made an anchor chart for RACE (restate, answer, cite and explain). We also practiced responding to a question by restating and answering. We also practiced using RACE to respond to questions about Fables. In reading, we started to learn about Fables. Fables are usually a short story about animals that teach us a lesson. In reading groups, we are continuing to make great progress. I am meeting with virtual learners during DEAR time so they do not have to log back on at the end of the day. If your child is all virtual, please feel free to "assign" DEAR during a time convenient for you.

Math

This week, students completed the Topic 1-4 benchmark. I am pleased with their progress and we will continue to practice these concepts throughout the school year. We also started to learn about subtracting two-digit numbers with and without regrouping. We spent two days practicing with Unifix cubes. On Friday, we completed Topic 6:1. We will continue Topic 6 next week. Please continue to practice subtraction facts at home! ReFlex math is a great way to practice!