



Our 2nd Grade Classroom News

The Week of January 22nd - 26th

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Upcoming Events & Reminders

- Jan. 29th "Souper" Bowl Food Drive begins
During the week of **January 29th-February 2rd**, the Palos West Student Council will be encouraging students to bring in canned goods and other non-perishable food products which will be donated to the Palos Township Food Pantry.
- Feb. 2rd Unit 3 Week 4 Reading & Spelling Test
- Feb. 9th ½ Day - Noon Dismissal
- Feb. 14th Valentine's Day Party
- Feb. 15rd Six Flags Read to Succeed Reading Logs due!
- Feb. 16th ½ Day Noon Dismissal
- Feb. 19th No School- President's Day

Our Learning

Reading:

This week students compared fiction and non-fiction stories about special people who helped a community. Students practice identifying details in text to support the author's purpose for writing the story.

Spelling and phonics lessons focused on the long /o/ sound made by the /o/, /oa/, /o-e/, and /ow/ letter combinations.

Our vocabulary strategy focus was on synonyms. We practiced identifying and matching synonyms in our writing and reading assignments this week.

Our Learning

Math:

This week we began Topic 8 in Envisions Math. Topic 8 focuses on money and time. We started by reviewing the value of a penny, nickel, dime, quarter, and half-dollar. Next, students practiced finding the total value of a group of coins by skip counting and counting on. Students learned that organizing a group of coins from greatest value to least value makes it easier to find the total value.

At the end of the week, we solved problems with dollar bills. We learned how to find the total value of a group of dollar bills by counting on from the bill with the greatest value.

Some students are having difficulty identifying some coins and their values. Please take time to practice counting coins at home.

Science:

This week students began the Engineering Project to end our study of Building Blocks of Materials. Student groups were challenged to make a tower out of Dots and toothpicks. The tower had to stand on its own and be at least 30cm tall. The groups did a great job working together to create a design and build a tower.

Classroom Celebrations

Palos West
Pride Assembly

Good Citizen
Luke F.

Principal's
Honor Board
Nick

