



Mrs. Shafer's Shenanigans

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Math, Reading, & Writing

In writing workshop, students have been going through the writing process:

1. Think of a story idea.
2. Rehearse
3. Write
4. Finish
5. Revise
6. Start a new piece and begin the cycle again.

We are currently working with revision. Students are learning to add catchy leads to their stories. A catchy lead is the first sentence or two of the story. It is something that GRABS the readers attention and makes them want to read more. Ex: It was the best...day...ever!

In reading workshop, students are learning how to take action when they get stuck on a tricky part. We are focusing, specifically, on re-reading and chunking. Chunking means to look for parts of the word you already know. For example: Saturday. Students might see

sat and day. By looking for parts they know, it speeds things up instead of sounding out each individual sound. As BIG TIME READERS, 2nd graders are trying to use more advanced strategies.

In math, we are continuing to work on place value. Place is where it's at, and value is how much it's worth. In the number 573, the 5 is in the hundred's **place**, but the 5s **value** is 500. Students are also learning to write 3-digit numbers in expanded form. $573=500+70+3$. Students used what they knew about place and value to write clues on index cards, and friends had to figure out the mystery #. Ex.

- I have 25 ones and 3 tens. Who am I?
- I am 64. I have 6 tens. How many ones do I have?
- The value of my tens is 70. The value of

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Word Wall Words of the Week

sleep their five call

around right don't green

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Special Dates to Remember:

- ☺ Oct. 6—Picture Day @ 9:30
- ☺ Oct. 8—Guest Teacher (meeting)
- ☺ Oct. 9—Fire Safety Assembly
- ☺ Oct. 10—Jerkey Sale Deadline
- ☺ Oct. 10 -Healthy Eating Lessons Begin
- ☺ Oct. 31—Half Day—parties in AM
- ☺ Dec. 5 - Children's Theatre Production @ H.S.



Your child checked out one library book on Wednesday. Please make sure this book makes it back by this Wednesday, or they will not be able to take a new one out.

Other News

Each week students are introduced to new sight words (word wall words). By the end of 2nd grade, students should be able to read 220 sight words automatically. I will include these words in our newsletter each week so you can practice at home with your child. I've included this weeks words, as well as last weeks, in today's newsletter.

In addition to our "Green & White Fridays", we will also have "College Mondays." Students are encouraged to wear clothing from their favorite college.