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# Second Grade News - 2B

## Burke's School



### LANGUAGE ARTS

During writers' workshop second graders:

- Used notes to create and develop biographical paragraphs
- Learned and began to apply the basic rules of quotation mark usage

In literature studies and small group reading we discussed and practiced:

- Reading non-fiction books and using non-fiction text features to broaden our understanding of the topic
- Identifying main idea and supporting details in non-fiction text

Our word study focus has been:

- Spelling patterns for long u (u\_e, ew, and ue) diphthongs (oy and oi) and the r-influenced vowel patterns (ar, or, er, air and are)

### MATHEMATICS

During our unit on data analysis second graders:

- Worked to organize, classify, represent, and interpret data in various representations
- Compared sets of data and drew conclusions about situations based on information gained from the data

In our investigation of addition, subtraction and the number system girls:

- Explored the idea that an equation can represent any addition or subtraction situation
- Participated in lessons, activities and games that allowed them to gain fluency with finding the difference between a number and any multiple of 10 up to 100

### SOCIAL STUDIES

During our study of Pioneering American Women the second graders:

- Used biographies and other non-fiction resources to investigate the lives of inspiring American women
- Continued to practice public speaking and presentation skills as they shared knowledge through brief speeches, creating portraits, timelines, and biographical paragraphs about their subject

### CLASS MEETINGS

- The girls brainstormed and shared ideas for ways to serve their community. We will soon announce the service learning project the girls have chosen.
- We continue to discuss conflict resolution and the importance of being inclusive. Additional topics included dealing with disappointment, developing resiliency and handling situations involving rumors and gossip.



Thank you to everyone who provided delicious treats for the second grade cast party!

Many thanks to all who helped to make the 2011 Women's Symposium and Tea a fantastic event! The second graders had a wonderful time sharing their learning and enjoying a delightful tea party on the second grade courtyard.