

WEEKLY UPDATE 9/21/2015-9/25/2015

MRS RICCIARDIELLO'S SECOND GRADE

Dear Families,

Although we had a short week we were able to accomplish quite a bit. Mrs. Congel came in to do work with Foundations. Next week we will start putting together a spelling list for students to study. We will use these words all week to do our Word Work station during our literacy block. We are going to be pulling kids in the coming weeks to determine their updated guided reading levels for direct instruction. In the meantime we are working hard to increase stamina for our independent work stations.

In Writer's Workshop students began to fill in their idea banks that are located in their writing folders. Next week we will begin working on their first formal piece which will be a personal narrative focusing on a small moment. Students are working hard in their writing journal and I am looking forward to taking those home this weekend to read and respond. I learn so much about them from their journals.

In Math we took a lot of time understanding the concept of place value and the different ways to write a number. We focused on word form, number form, and expanded form. This proved challenging for many but the hands on game really helped them to better understand. I am hoping to send some homework next week for at least a couple of days for Math.

In Social Studies students completed a small project highlighting their own community. They will be displayed near our classrooms. In Science students completed a book about living vs. non-living.

Hope you have a great weekend.

Best.

Mrs. Ricciardiello