

# Mrs. Kuieck's Second Grade News

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Dear Families,

Welcome back!!!!

It is hard to believe that the year is beginning to wind down, but we have so much learning to do yet! Continue promoting reading at home each evening. It is vital to your child's growth as a reader.

Enjoy the weekend!

Love  
Mrs. Kuieck.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK:

Daily 5 (Reading Workshop)

This week we have been investigating the components of a mystery while reading April Adventure. We are keeping a case file as lead detectives to try and solve the mystery while tuning in to interesting words.



Writing Workshop

Our writers are AMAZING!!!! We have begun to look at different strategies to use in our writing, including thinking of a special person or place and recalling all of the special memories we shared with that particular person or place. Each of the children has a brainstorm list of 10 -30 seed stories to write...WOOHOOO!!!

Math

We are wrapping up a short unit on motion geometry including slides, flips and turns. Determining the area of a shape has also helped us become familiar with square units. We will be having an assessment on these topics on Tuesday.

Word Study

These are the words that we will concentrate on next week:

great    tell    men    say    small

SCIENCE

Our current unit of study revolves around different plant parts and the life cycle of a plant. We are getting our hands dirty by planting, experimenting and observing each of the plant parts. Each child will be taking home a bean and corn plant in the next few weeks.

### THINGS TO NOTE:

- \* Library on Friday. PLEASE SEND BACK ANY LIBRARY BOOKS THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE AT HOME :)
- \* We have two opportunities in the day for your child to have a snack. Refueling for learning is a wonderful way to keep our engines running on "Just Write"..
- \* Outdoor Discovery Center Field Trip - April 25.

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