

The Hancock Herald

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Voyages!

We learned about God's servant David during our Voyages this week. We read how David trusted the Lord so much that he was willing to face a 9 ft. giant named Goliath when he was only armed with a slingshot and five stones. David knew that God was with him and that God would help him to defeat Goliath. Through the story of David we learned that God is with us in all circumstances, and that He has the power to bless us in times of giant problems and giant joys.

The second graders had a chance to demonstrate their love for others as they crafted a cornucopia and Thanksgiving letters for our classroom grandparents.



Look for...

Today your child brought home next week's pattern word spelling list. These words will be tested on Friday. There are 12 pattern spelling words and three challenge words. The challenge words are

... You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

optional. Memory work is also included. Memory work is to be recited on Wed. and Fri. mornings. A copy of memory and spelling words can be downloaded from our school website.



Week Twelve

The second graders have spent this past week immersed in all things Native American. We have read about them, conducted research on them, and written about them. We compared the lives of Native American children to our lives today. We learned about some of the religious ceremonies and customs of the Native Americans and began work on our classroom totem pole. We designed and created shirts or dresses that the Native Americans might have worn. We made succotash that consisted of the "three sisters," beans, corn, and squash – a very popular food among many Native American tribes (Yes, we enjoyed vegetables for a snack!). The children are doing very well with their Indian tribe research reports. They have finished their research and are now putting their findings into

paragraph form. I am meeting with each child to discuss his research and help with editing and revising his writing. Most of this work will be completed in class, but you may see a report come home to be copied and illustrated. The Indian dwellings are due on Nov. 17th. There is no right or wrong way to make a dwelling. The only rule is that your child must be able to carry it into the classroom. ☺

There is no formal presentation that goes along with the dwelling, but the students should be able to share with the class the name of the tribe and the type of dwelling that they brought. They should also be able to tell us how they created the dwelling. We are all looking forward to next Tuesday!

We reviewed the dollar in math class this week. We talked about writing one dollar as 100 cents or using the decimal point and dollar sign as in \$1.00. We had a brief introduction to making change by counting on from the price of an item to the amount paid. We also worked on multi-step money word problems. We either used plastic coins, or drew coins, to help us solve these more difficult problems. We finished up our money unit with a review and test on Friday.

Our daily studies of the Native Americans have allowed us to include social studies in all curricular areas these past two weeks. However, we also found some time to remember our veterans and the important sacrifices that they made for our

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country, and to learn about the Statue of Liberty.

Extra, Extra...

It was a pleasure to meet with you and review your child's progress in second grade. Your children are blessed to have such caring and supportive parents.

Our chapel offerings for next week will be food items for Christmas Sharing. Please send the paper grocery bags filled with paper and food products to school with your child on Thurs., Nov. 19th. Thank you for helping those who are less fortunate during this holiday season.

On behalf of the entire staff, I want to thank you for the wonderful breakfast that you provided for us on Wednesday. I would also, personally, like to thank you for your continued prayers for the staff and students, and for our great school. The generosity and support that I have been shown from our school families during this troubling time has been overwhelming. The Lord is certainly at work in this place. I continue to meditate on Jeremiah 29:11... "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

God bless your weekend and the time that you spend in His house.

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