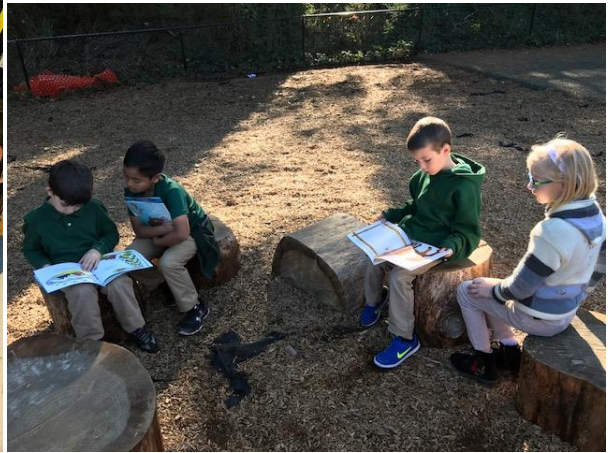
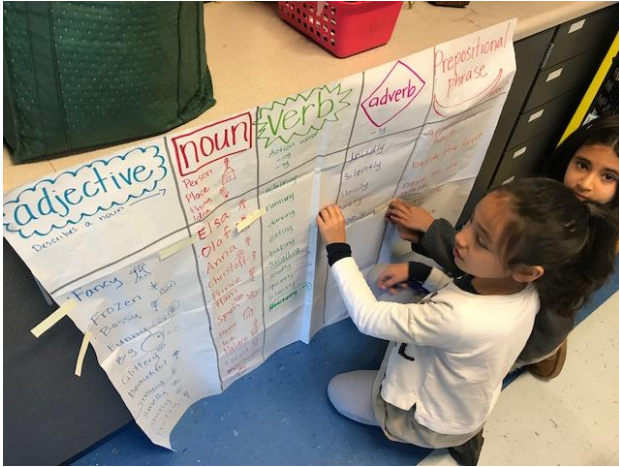




The cutest puppy ever!



Music Class!



Reading Buddies!

Dear 2nd Grade Families,

December 15th, 2017

Please join us on Friday, December 22nd at 8:30am (after Morning Assembly), for breakfast and a visit to our classrooms. Our students would like to share their non-fiction books and projects with their families and family friends.

Breakfast is a thank-you gift from Ms. Jackson, Ms. Browning and Ms. Melissa!

Also, Miss Melissa is looking for donations of toys, games, and books to add to our prize box. Our students are earning so much “money”, so we are looking for more things for them to spend it on! “One person’s trash is another person’s treasure”.

SNACKS:

Please remember to send a healthy snack with your child every day. If you have a water bottle at home that you can send to school, we like to have them on hand for everyday use and field trips.

What are we learning?

2nd grade’s theme is SYSTEMS. We began our focus on Earth Systems! We are studying Volcanoes, Rocks and Minerals, Storms and Weather! We are writing non-fiction books about a topic, building models and doing experiments.

Speaking of systems: Both Ms. Browning and Ms. Jackson use a money system in their classes. Students receive money (fake money that is) for staying on task, doing the right things, completing work and class jobs, and much more. Money can be spent to buy privileges and prizes. This system helps us to teach a 2nd grade standard Time and Money. Students learn the value of coins and counting money helps to practice math facts, and addition and subtraction.

Responsive Classroom:

- Morning Meeting and Closing Circles
- Learning how to use our class supplies, math and reading materials independently
- Creating a classroom environment where we can learn, make new friends, respect each other and have fun!

Writing Workshop:

Both classes began a Writing Workshop Non-Fiction Unit next week. We are writing books about something that we know a lot about!

Math:

Place value of 2 - and 3 -digit numbers, addition and subtraction story problem, and continuing practice with Math Fact Fluency, and working with Time and Money.

Reading Workshop:

Reading, reading, reading! The more we read at our assessed reading level, the better readers we will be! We began Reading buddies with 3rd grade!

Science:

Beginning Earth Systems – Layers of the Earth, Volcanoes, Rocks and Minerals, Weather and Storms

Beginning Ecosystems – what does a plant need to grow, photosynthesis

Upcoming Confirmed Field Trips and Special Events are:

- Friday March 30th – **Ms. Browning’s class to Bay Area Discovery Museum Explore the Shore STEM (Science, Tech, Engineering and Math) Workshop** 9:00am-1:30pm. Bay Area Discovery Museum 557 McReynold’s Road, Sausalito, CA.
- Friday April 6th - **Ms. Browning’s class to Wildcare** in San Rafael – to explore animals and their habitats.
Wildcare 76 Albert Park Lane, San Rafael, CA

Please remember to support the SMART Fund through which the Willow Creek Foundation provides funding for Classroom Support, Music, Art, Reading and Languages, and Technology to the Willow Creek Academy. You may make donations online on the Fundraising tab of the WCA website or by cash and check at the front office. All donations 100% tax deductible and will be put to use in the classrooms.

For 5-8th grade classes: "Did you know that WCF is now funding the Outward Bound program? If you are able to, please increase your donation to SMART by \$350 per child you have in these grades.

Thank you for being such wonderful and supportive parents!
Ms. Browning, Ms. Jackson and Ms. Melissa