

2E News

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Thank you

Dear 2E Family,

I can't thank you enough for the outpouring of support and love you have sent since I shared my diagnosis with you. Your kind and encouraging words have meant so much to me. While I am sad that I can't be at school right now, I am resting up so that I can be back soon.

Thank you also for the thoughtful and generous gifts. They were wonderful surprises to get while I have to be at home. The get well bear and cookies is so cute (and the cookies look yummy!) The pajamas are so soft and soothing to wear. They are the perfect gifts to pamper me while I recover. It means so much to me that you are there for me during this difficult time.

Love,
Karen Elman

Notes from Mrs. Elman

Dear Parents,

As the weather cools and the idea of more time spent indoors becomes a reality, we turn to you to help set aside time for reading with your child. Building that intrinsic love of reading often centers around finding a book series that captivates the imagination of your child. Before your next visit to the Highland Park Public Library, you may wish to check a few of the following links with your child in order to see if there is a book or book series that sparks interest. Happy reading!

[Second Grade Reading Suggestions](#)

[15 Superb Chapter Books for Second Graders](#)

[Good Reads: Popular Second Grade Books](#)

[Scholastic: Book Recommendations](#)

[20 Early Chapter Books](#)

Sincerely,
Karen Elman

The Week in Review

English Language Arts (E.L.A.)

This week we finished reading our main text of this unit: *Friends Around the World*. Students understand that these four different children who live in four different communities have different experiences based on where they live. Students have been working on comparing and contrasting skills by looking at the similarities and differences of these experiences. In preparation for their upcoming writing assessment, students have also been taking what they've learned about the cities around the world to write two different paragraphs of information. Leading up to this, students worked with a partner to sort through twenty different sentences stating facts and matched them with the correct city.

The foundational skills of reading we've been learning and practicing in our classroom include reading consonant blends and ending the suffixes -s, -ed and -ing to base words.

Our grammar focus has been on learning about verbs. Students learned that verbs are something you do or are. We played charades to act out some action verbs, then sorted them into past and present verbs. Help your child correctly form past tense verbs, especially irregular ones such as "go" changing to "went."

Math

This week we began a new math unit that allows children to explore base ten concepts and models within 1,000. Students reviewed the first three place value units: ones, tens and hundreds. They will continue to work flexibly within these place value ranges, learning, for example, to express the number 127 as 12 groups of ten plus 7 ones, or 1 group of one hundred, 2 groups of ten, and 7 ones. Likewise, students will be challenged to build numbers based on their component parts as they solve number riddles such as, "I have 2 hundreds, 4 tens and 3 ones." What number am I?"



Math -Unit 2

Look at what we are learning in our current math unit.



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Learning in Action!



Jack and the Beanstalk

We counted beans like Jack's to begin our place value math unit.



Partner Sort

Students worked with partners to sort facts about the place: Ho Chi Minh City from facts about the character: Hau.



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