

# Mrs. Sweeney's Classroom News

Walker's Grove

Second Grade

January 9, 2009

## Amazing Math Facts

During math this week we worked on lines of symmetry. We learned to have a line of symmetry that both sides of the shape when it is divided have to be exactly alike. The week continued with us working on drawing line segments and labeling points on line segments as well as parallel lines. We learned that parallel lines will never cross each other. The week ended with us learning about the perimeter and the area of a shape. The perimeter is measuring the outside of the shape and the area is measuring the inside of the shape. We then took a Geometry test.

## Read Any Good Books Lately?

We shared our information on sharks that we researched before break. We then wrote our If I were a Shark papers using the information that was shared. The week continued with us researching our different ocean creatures using books and the internet. We learned how to take notes and pull information out of the text that we are reading. We are getting really good at reading nonfiction texts and learning so many cool facts about the ocean.

## Science/Social Studies

Our science time was spent learning about whales. We learned that whales are mammals and that there are two types of whales. There are baleen whales and toothed whales. We compared different whales using a chart and we compared whales to fish. Our science experiment involved a bottle, hot water, and a cap. Ask us what happened.

## Writer's Workshop

During Writer's Workshop we worked on our Fantasy Fish papers. We gave our fantasy fish a name and then described what was special and interesting about them, what they like to eat, what they looked like as well as where they lived in the ocean. We then created our fantasy fish and their habitat. They will be on display during our ocean night.

## Miscellaneous

Ocean dioramas are due January 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all of our volunteers that helped us research our ocean creatures using books and the internet. Everything went very well and the kids really learned a lot about their ocean creature. Thank you  
Thank you!

## Upcoming Events/Reminders

January 14<sup>th</sup> Culver's Night, January 22<sup>nd</sup> is our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade ocean night. January 23<sup>rd</sup> Family Pizza and Bingo Night, January 28<sup>th</sup> Jimmy John's.

**HAVE A FANTASTIC WEEKEND!**

Mrs. Sweeney