

# SECOND GRADE SCOOP

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We can't believe First Communion has come and gone. We feel so lucky to be able to have been a part of the children's special day. It is a time in their life they will always remember!

We have only a few weeks left of school and so much we still want to do with the kids. We have already introduced them to multiplication as well as division. We tried to emphasize the importance of memorizing their multiplication facts. Now that we are multiplying by six through nine, it's a little hard to use their fingers. We suggested practicing with parents whenever they are in the car. The more they practice, the more they will remember. We will continue to have timed tests over multiplication.

Tuesday was Young Author Night. Thank you so much for all of the volunteers who helped out as well as all of those who were able to make it. It was a great turn out. The children worked very hard on their stories. They have been bound and they received a special gold seal for the completion of their book. They came up with the story and illustrations all on their own. We are very proud of their work.

We have begun our poetry unit. Our first poem was a Word Count Cinquain, we will follow that with a Syllable Count Cinquain. We are now focusing on practice writing prompts for ISTEP Prep. The focus is staying organized and on topic. We encourage them to use their "voice" and be creative with their "word choice".

**FRIDAY, May 21**, will be our walking field trip to the Plainfield Town Hall where the children will get to participate in a mock trial. We will leave promptly at **8:30**. We should return by 11:00.

Our last standard to cover is idioms. Each year we have an "Amelia Bedilia Fashion Show". This is a fun hands on way to demonstrate our use of idioms in real life. In class we will be doing a mini lesson and then read some books that show how idioms are used. Come one, come all: **May 25 from 10-11**

**will be the day of the Amelia Bedilia Show".** We will be sending more information home soon.

We have finished our last story in the reading book. We have been working on the Indiana Assessment test and will be "Dibbling" May12. We will still have a spelling test. The test will be over the 12 months of the year and three numbers ending in "ty" with a hyphen.

**Here are a few IMPORTANT dates:**

**~May 11th** Muffins w/ Mom 7:30am Zore Hall

**~May 12** Poetry Tea 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

**~May 14** Field Day K-5th

**~May 20** Talent Show (during school hours)

**~May 21** Walking Field Trip 8:30am to Town Hall

**~May 25** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation AND Amelia Bedilia Fashion Show

**~May 25** Last day for AR test

**~May 26** Awards ceremony Zore Hall 8:45am

**~May 27 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**