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# The Buoy

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## Volunteers

Thank you to our reading volunteers for providing extra time for children to read one on one with an adult.

***We need more volunteers to read with children from 8:30-9:30.***

If you are able to volunteer, please contact your child's teacher.

## Dorado, Sea Turtle, Tarpon

### What did we learn during Red Ribbon Week?

#### We learned...

"...to keep our bodies healthy." -Laila

"...to make healthy choices." -Samantha

"...how to stop bullying." -Dylan

"...you should exercise a lot." -Lauren

"...you should take care of your body by drinking water." -Ashelie

"...to make a difference by exercising." -Gannon

"...you need to be nice and kind." -Mili

## Readers' Workshop

As part of our Red Ribbon week celebration, guest readers came to our classrooms to share stories about making good choices. Our students benefited from seeing strong, healthy, positive role models share their love of reading.

## Math

Math goals for second grade include developing automaticity with addition and subtraction facts. Fast recall of basic facts is an essential building block for higher math concepts. Our next math unit will focus on the operations of addition and subtraction. Students will practice various strategies to help them memorize their math facts including the following: doubles ( $3+3=6$ ), doubles plus one and doubles minus one ( $3+4=7$ ;  $3+2=5$ ), making ten ( $8+3$ ; think:  $8+2=10+1=11$ ), and the relationship between addition and subtraction. Please help your child by practicing addition and subtraction math facts at home.

## Writers' Workshop

Second grade students are beginning to become more independent writers, often anxious to get a new story idea down on paper. Every student has a Writers' Notebook where they capture their ideas, which then become the seeds for a new story. Your child might enjoy keeping a Writers' Notebook or journal at home.

## Science

In science lab we're focusing on force and motion. What is the force that causes objects to fall to the ground? What is the difference between a push and a pull? Science concepts were reinforced during our Science of Sports assembly, where we learned how gravity and friction affect our ability to move ourselves and objects during sports activities.

