



SECOND GRADE NEWS

Academy Awards of Books, Monsters, and Reminders

The Academy Awards of Books!

Yesterday was a great day to celebrate our love of reading! The students came to school dressed as their favorite book characters and we were amazed at the creativity involved in many of the costumes! Check out The Hill School's Facebook page for the cast of characters! Photos were taken by the paparazzi as we entered the theater! In our classroom, the children voted on three categories: best memoir, favorite pourquoi, and best mystery. Our winners were: *Rotten Ritchie and the Ultimate Dare*, *How the Grinch Got So Grinchy*, and *Tuesday*. The students were thoughtful about their nominees and their voting was from the heart! At snack time we served homemade plain and blueberry pancakes from *Uncle Phil's Diner*, cheese from *Geronimo Stilton*, and bug juice from *Private Iguana*. Many thanks to Thea for making the delicious pancakes! Yummy!

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Questions to Ask Your Second Grader:

Tell me about the plot of your monster book?

Which raptor are you working on for your bird research guide? Have you earned a bird sticker or scholar's button? Which raptor is your favorite? Why?

If I have 11 pairs of shoes, how many shoes do I have? Show me how you figured it out!

I have 33 pencils. How many groups of three can I make? Is 33 odd or even? Prove it!

Are you washing your hands throughout the day? How often and with what?

Monstrously Good Books!

We continue to read and write monster books. The students received their checklists today and, among other things, are required to follow their outline, use correct capitalization and punctuation, write a captivating story starter, use descriptive words, use precise and exciting verbs, and include a sense of suspense. This is hard work and the students are rising to the challenge! Ask your child about his/her monster story and require him/her to include details! The students have two weeks to finish writing, publishing, and illustrating their books!

Reminders

- ⇒ PLEASE send in a spill proof water bottle for your child to keep in the classroom!
- ⇒ Have you put Michael Thompson's schedule on your calendar? The topics he will be speaking at Hill about are timely and meaningful to us as parents and worth learning about for working with our children. Please plan to attend as many talks as you are able.
- ⇒ Sports shoes—children are complaining about pinched toes! Proper fitting sports shoes is essential to your child's learning.

CALENDAR

Grandparents' and Special Friends' Day	5/6
Auction	5/7