

Museum Research Share



This is just one more reminder... our research museum share is this WEDNESDAY, May 4th... open house style at 10:45-11:45. Please sign up using this link so that I know how many people I will be expecting: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VCY3PH8>

Writing: Lab Reports

We spent several days working on creating experiments and then writing up lab reports to describe our work in writing. Each student worked in a small group to design a testable question and then gathered materials. Later, they recorded their results and drew conclusions in writing based on their hypothesis and findings. Throughout the remainder of the week, students worked on revising their lab reports, paying attention to key features found in procedures as well as in conclusions. Finally, we did some research to add scientific information to our lab reports to help explain WHY we arrived at certain results.

We learned that a **procedure page** should include:

- Materials needed
- Steps (numbered, labeled, and with measurements)
- Pictures to teach, labeled
- Detailed measurements
- Specific directions as to what to do and how to carry it out.

We learned that a **conclusion page** needs to include:

- A reflection on your hypothesis (were you right or wrong?)
- Lingering questions
- Possible explanations based on background knowledge
- Further interest in new experiments and investigations

While this is rigorous work for second graders, many have



latched on to this new unit and are readily applying new strategies learned!

Science Wrap Up

As a reminder, students will be taking their final science test TOMORROW.

As mentioned last week, concepts to study include:

- Landforms
- Bodies of Water
- Water sources, pollution, and conservations
- Forms of water (solid, liquid, gas)
- Changes in states of water (evaporation, melt, freeze)
- Uses of water in homes, schools, etc.

Field Trip Information

Please look at the handouts placed in your child's homework folder this week regarding our field trip! As a reminder, our field trip will take place NEXT Wednesday, May 11th. We will go rain or shine!



Important Dates

- **May 4th**—2nd Grade Museum Research Share
 - **May 11th**—Rockford Field Trip
- **May 20th-21st**—Relay for Life at NRMS
- **May 27th-30th**—Memorial Weekend—NO SCHOOL, we return on May 31st.
 - **June 10th**—Last day of school