

# OCTOBER IN 2MR

Learn | Grow | Explore

## Responsibility

This month, we began a character education program to help us develop strong core values and an even more positive classroom community. Our focal trait this month is **responsibility**. Throughout the month, we will read various books about responsibility. On October 1st, we discussed the trait in depth, drew pictures of what responsibility means to us, and set personal goals.

## Social Studies & Science

Last week, we wrapped up a unit on geography. We just kicked off a science unit on nature, soil, and "life in a rotting log". Over the course of the unit, students will observe how certain bugs help logs decompose. We will observe changes in our rotting log over time. We will also learn about how ecosystems have many living parts that rely on each other for survival.



## Reading

We are having so much fun exploring the numerous books in the classroom library! Students have been learning how to make good book choices and how to mark their thinking with post-its while reading. We have been learning how to discuss our books with partners and in small groups.

## Writing

The students in 2MR have been writing so many books! We have a 2MR Author Bin in our classroom library filled with published stories. We have been studying authors like Mo Willems and learning how to solve problems that writers experience. Next week, we will begin a writing unit on personal narratives. Students will write about small, important moments from their own life.

## Math

This week, we will begin a unit on place value. Developing a strong sense of place value will set students up for a foundational understanding of multi-digit addition and subtraction. We will be exploring place value through a multitude of activities, games, and interactive lessons over the next few weeks.



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