



Grade 1-2

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Dear First and Second Grade Families,

It was a rainy but exciting week in the first and second grade. We have had busy reporters interviewing and documenting what they are learning about the RMDS community. As many of you already know, the interview process began with the children generating questions to ask a member of the RMDS community. The children wrote a variety of questions. Here are just a few examples that stuck with us: How do you run the school? Why are you always on your computer? How do you choose books for our library? Would you like to meet some time? How do you teach History? Do you like your job? What type of CDs do you play in your van? We were impressed with the thoughtful and funny questions the children asked.

The next step was to practice the interviews. We paired them up and had them practice asking their interview questions to each other. The students took their job very seriously and had a ton of fun pretending to be members of the RMDS faculty. We also discussed and role played what it looked like to be a good listener during an interview. Children worked on looking the person in the eye when talking with them, asking questions in a strong voice and facing the person as they are speaking to you.

On interview day the children were anxious yet excited about meeting with their interviewee. When they came back to class they seemed to enter the room with a great sense of accomplishment and a big smile on their faces, ready to move onto the next step in the interview process.

As a class we discussed different ways of taking information and turning it into a report to share with others. We talked about how reporters review the information they gather in order to report interesting and important facts about what they learned in their interview. On Thursday, the children began the process of going over their data and deciding what they want to share with their classmates next week.

Have a nice weekend,

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P.S. We are collecting a Junk Construction Box in our classroom for a choice activity. If you have any reusable materials (toilet paper rolls, small boxes, egg cartons, fabrics, buttons...) to donate we would love to have them.

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