

January 26, 2018

Dear Parents,

It has been a challenging week for many of the students with the weather continuing to change. They seem like they need a good snowstorm to be able to get out and play. They might be able to get out and play this weekend, but it could still be icy.

We began our week with a visit from the fire fighter. He reviewed what they had covered in their last visit (gear) and then discussed smoke detectors with the students. They should have brought a couple of papers home about this. He stressed the importance of going outside when the smoke detectors go off until an adult tells them it is okay to go back inside. Please go over this with your child and also have a meeting spot outside.

We also had several children meet with the dentist and receive fluoride and or sealants. I am including a letter from the dentist for all students on proper dental care.

We have had fun with our social thinking activities this week. We have practiced using our eyes to give high fives, think with your eyes music activity (similar to follow the leader with music), astronaut dress up and a pretend space walk. The students really enjoyed the activity that we did last week as well when I had a bag of items that I put out and they had to tell what I was looking at. We will begin a new book next week and I will send home the new letter to tell you a little about the book.

In Foundations, we have continued to practice with our new letters p and j. We are now up to 17 letters. They are: a,b,c,d,e,f,g,i,j,m,n,o,p,r,s,t,u. With the assessments that we are doing it is benefitting the students to slow the pace and allow them the extra time with the skills. We are continuing to talk about how letters make words, words make sentences and sentences make books. They continue to grow and develop great skills in preparation for first grade.

In number corner and math, the students are working on number combinations. We are working on combinations up to five, but some are doing higher. They are also practicing telling more about what they see. We learned about two new centers this week . They are enjoying practicing their skills in Beat you to Five and Which Numeral Will Win? . This gets them to practice counting, number recognition, number writing, turn taking and much more. They enjoy math centers whenever we have them.

This was our last Friday to do soup for January. Many children tried new soups that they had never tried before. Hopefully, it carried over to home for them to tell you about the soups and maybe try some other soups on these cold winter days.

Thanks for your continued support.

Upcoming Events:

2/8: PTA 6:30 WRS Library

2/19-2/23: Winter Break

Have a great weekend!