

October 13, 2017

Dear Parents,

What an exciting week we had when we arrived to find eight butterflies had hatched over the weekend and more hatched throughout the week to have a final total of nine butterflies being released. We figured out how many girls and boys we had hatch. This was a very exciting time for us. We also had a caterpillar that didn't make it as well as a chrysalis. This is part of nature.

We had an excellent time learning about animals and what different farmers do. We are lucky that farmers are willing to come to our school each time to share with our students. The students learn a lot from the farmers and also always remember the experience for many years to come.

As the weather is changing, please remember to dress your child in layers as it is going to begin to get cooler next week and therefore they will need the extra layers in the afternoon. We have been lucky to keep our warm temps so long into October.

In phonics (Foundations), students continue to learn more lowercase letters as this is what they will see in print to read. We are now up to seven letters (b, f, i, m, n, t and u). We talk about consonants and vowels with the students. They are color coded with our letters in our classroom. They should be able to tell you the letter, key word, sound and motion we use to go with the letter.

In number corner and math, we are continuing to count higher and use vocabulary like: attribute, same, different, sort. We are beginning to look at our number corner and will begin to learn position words. They are noticing the pattern as the month grows. We are going to do some math groups once a week in our classroom now that we have done some assessments.

The boys who are part of our BATS program at WRS (grades 3-5) will be running for CHAD next weekend and are doing a coin fundraiser. We have a coin bucket in our classroom if you would like to send any change in.

Upcoming Events:

10/15: PTA Fundraiser- Color Run

10/20: Free Family Movie Night- 7:00 (sponsored by the PTA) , **Book Order Due**

10/26: Picture Retake Day

11/2: Early Release for Parent Conferences

11/3: No School, Parent Conferences

Have a great weekend!