

February 2, 2018

Dear Parents,

Happy Groundhog Day! Those of us who have lived in Vermont for a long time know that winter will be another six weeks no matter what the groundhog says. We do know that the days begin to get longer which helps winter go a little quicker. I hope you all had a chance to see the beautiful moon this week.

We have had a few children out sick recently. Please keep your child home if they don't feel well. Give them the time to rest and feel better. Hopefully, this will keep sickness down for the rest of us.

We have begun talking about our body in a group in our social thinking this week. The students are learning about what makes up a group and where they should be if they are in a group so another person is comfortable. I have included a copy of the letter to go along with this book so you know what we will be talking about and support this at home as well.

We spent some time reading about shadows and focused around groundhogs in our literacy centers this week. The students enjoyed this a lot.

We have begun our new calendar and are learning the new routine for February. We will make predictions for what will be coming. We are also anticipating our 100th day of school which will be next Friday, February 9th. I ask the students to bring in a collection of 100 items from home to show to the class. If you find it easier to do sometime this weekend and want them to bring it in to leave in their cubby that is fine. They can wait to bring it in on Friday as well. The point of this is for them to use strategies with you to count to 100. It should be fun for you, but if it is stressful don't do it. Please contact me if you have any questions.

In math, we are talking about patterns and learning that they can be labeled in many ways, but mean the same thing. We practiced actually using students to create patterns, movement patterns, making patterns with unifix cubes and labeling patterns. They really enjoyed learning about this and took off with this new center in the room.

In Foundations, we have learned about three more letters so we are now up to twenty letters. They are: a,b,c,d,e,f,g,i,j,k,l,m,n,o,p,r,s,t,u. They continue to grow and learn the sounds, key words and actions as we talk about these letters. We are also working on words in sentences and they are doing very well with this.

I am enclosing a list of names for students to begin making Valentines for students. Our rule is if they bring one Valentine they bring one for everyone in the class. If it is easier for the students to just sign and not put names on the outside that is fine. We will share Valentines on Wednesday, February 14th.

I will send home towels today to be washed. If your child does not have a towel at school, please send one in for our quiet time.

Upcoming Events:

2/8: PTA 6:30 WRS Library

2/19-2/23: Winter Break

Have a great weekend!