

March 2, 2018

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone had a chance to do something last week over the break. Even if it was to just take a breath that you didn't have the same schedule as you do with the school schedule. It was a nice week and the weather this week has been a nice treat. It gives us hope that spring is right around the corner. We know we will still have a few more storms to get through.

We have begun a science unit this week about plants. We will be learning about the parts of plants and the parts of plants that we eat. This is a fun unit for the children to do. I have included their plant dictionary that we worked on this week to share with you.

We have been finishing up our number corner for last month and beginning to learn our routines for this month. It is always exciting to learn the new routines.

We have enjoyed doing activities around Dr. Seuss this week in our literacy centers. We have had fun creating a hat with -at words, created a cat in the hat which are hanging in the hallway, wrote "My feet can _____.", and read many Dr. Seuss books.

We have been reviewing letters this week and also doing some other fun activities. We have done some work with ending sounds so when the students are trying to sound out words they listen to the beginning and the end of the word. I had several items in a bag and the students would pull them out one at a time and say what the last sound was that they heard, what letter makes that sound and where they would begin to write the letter (i.e. pen-/n/-n-planeline). It was a fun activity and you could find things around your house to do this. Another fun activity that we did was saying a sentence and then figure out how many words in the sentence. You could write this out and then cut the sentence apart and have your child put it back together. Stress the capital letter at the beginning of the sentence and the period or question mark (we learned about this week) at the end.

In our math groups we are changing our focus from counting forward to counting backwards and groupings. We are also working in our math centers on other days.

We had another flex block this week where the students learned and talked about trustworthiness. They reviewed the previous character traits from previous flex blocks that they talked about caring and respect. My class worked with third graders to tell what trustworthiness would look like at recess.

Today we had another student recognition assembly. We will have two more this year. The students are really working hard and are growing so many different skills.

I am sending home the conference notice for the end of the month today. I tried to go with times around the same time that we used in the fall. It is a starting point. Please return to me by the end of next week, March 9, so I can also get the information to the office. Thanks for your support through this.

Keep those box tops coming for the PTA . They really add up. Ask your family, friends and neighbors to help save for us as well. I am surprised sometimes where I find them.

Upcoming Events:

3/8: PTA- Watch for more information about this meeting

3/9: Movie Night at WRS

3/22: Early Release for parent conferences

3/23: Parent Conferences

4/16-4/20 : Spring Break

Have a great weekend!