

March 9, 2018

Dear Parents,

It was yet another busy week in kindergarten. We seem to fill our days up so much. The students are growing so much and I am excited to share their progress with you at our conference at the end of the month. **If you have not signed and returned your conference note please do so by Monday so I can let the office know my conference schedule.**

In science, we are continuing our study of plants that we eat. We are learning about the parts of plants through reading a book and answering a research question: What parts of plants do people eat? The children are really enjoying this. We also are doing another experiment of planting seeds and putting some of them in a dark box and some in a sunny window. I am sorry that I forgot to include the dictionary last week in the student's folders, but sent it home on Monday with them. Hopefully, they could share about it.

In our literacy centers this week we have focused on three stories by Peter Reynolds. The stories were: [The Dot, Ish and Sky Color](#). We did several projects around these books. They are great stories showing that even when we don't feel we can do something if we keep trying we can do it. It is all in how you look at something. We need to encourage one another. It is our mindset.

We have finished our lowercase letters of the alphabet. We will continue to work on these through practice. We begin tapping out words next week and introducing some trick words. We will move into the uppercase letters soon. This program focuses on the lowercase letters first as these are the letters that are seen in print. We are trying to get our reading groups up and running soon.

In math, the students are working on learning our new number corner routine. They are learning about combinations to 10. If they have 3, how many more will they need to make a group of 10 and then develop an equation for those numbers. We continue to count by tens each day.

I have included a new book order. I am asking for it to be back or you place your orders by next Friday. Remember, you can go online and order if it is easier. The order I am hoping will be back before Easter if you want any surprises for the holiday.

With the snow day yesterday we now have four snow days to add onto the end of the school year. Please look at the school calendar and be aware of this before making summer plans. We could still have a day as March and April can be tricky months. The students last day as of now will be June 12th.

I am sending home towels to be washed this weekend. Please remember to send in a towel with your child for our quiet time if you have not. It really helps them to settle. Thanks,

**Don't forget to move your clocks ahead this weekend.**

Upcoming Events:

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 and enjoy the new snow.