

January 11, 2019

Dear Parents,

This has been a challenging week with all of the weather changes that have happened. If you did not get any call or email, please be sure to let someone at school know.

We also were very proud of our students on Monday when we had the lock out. They did very well and no one worried about why they weren't going home when it happened. We had a lockdown drill on Tuesday which also went very well. We practice these things so the students will know what to do and what is expected in an emergency. They also will not panic and know they are safe with us around them.

In our Readers Workshop, the students continue to learn new strategies. This week we talked about checking your reading: Does it make sense? and Does it sound right? are the two questions we learned about. I am very anxious to do assessments next week with the students to see how much is carrying over into other settings. We will continue to practice and grow over our next few months together.

In math, we learned a new game that will go into our math centers, Beat You to Ten. They love when I introduce a new game and the student beats me playing it. We will have more center time next week as we did several lessons this week. We also made a quilt (out of paper). We put it together and then made observations about the quilt which we added to the side of the quilt. It is hanging in our hallway for everyone to see.

We began a science unit this week to learn about Force and Motion. We learned about push and pull. The children should be able to tell you whether they would want to dig a pool with a shovel or an excavator. They might even be able to demonstrate how we practiced this.

Last week, I sent home a pamphlet about Lysol. There was a free box top coupon in it. I encouraged the children to cut it out and bring it back. If you still have it please do this. It doesn't cost anything and helps our school. Keep those box tops coming. Our school benefits from each one that is sent in. Remember to ask friends and family to save them as well. Thanks!

I will send the book order in this weekend unless someone wants me to hold it until the first of the week.

Upcoming Events:

Jan. 21 & Jan. 22: Inservice days for teachers- no students

February 18-23: February Break

March 21: Early Dismissal (12:50)-Parent Conferences

March 22: Parent Conferences

Stay warm this weekend!