

February 28, 2020

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone had a good break last week. It was good to have the break to get everyone healthy. I have had less students out this week, but still a few are not attending due to sickness. We continue to encourage hand washing as always. I know it is hard when your child is out sick, but it is important for them to stay home and get better so it doesn't spread to others.

We have had some fun in preparation for Dr. Seuss' birthday, which is on Monday. The students have made hats and I am hoping to get a group picture of the students wearing their hats. They also had fun creating cats that we will hang in the hallway which you will be able to see when you come in for your conference in March. We made green eggs and ham for a snack this week. We will make another Seuss-themed treat next Friday. We have read a lot of Dr. Seuss books this week and will continue next week. These are fun books to read if you have any at home or visit a library sometime to check some out.

We also have gotten five new snap words this week: is, his, as, has, was. The other words that we have are: a, and, at, are, be, he, me, she, we, I, look, the, to. The students can practice writing these or making them with magnetic letters or other ways as well. Writing them in different things like: pudding, shaving cream, salt, using colored water in snow, chalk on the driveway, etc. We also started practicing our last names when we are writing our names now. They were very excited to try this and it was challenging for many of them, but it will get easier the more we practice.

We had a visit from the dental hygienist today. She went over good dental health care. She also saw several of the students individually this week and you should have received a note from her earlier in the week. We are very lucky to have this program in our school.

Our parent conferences are approaching quickly. I will send home conference notices next Friday so they can be returned by midweek the following week. One thing that is different this time is the students lead part of the conference. It will be at the beginning and then we will have time to talk when they play in the hallway. It will still be 30 minutes due to the amount of conferences that I have to get in. Please be sure that your child attends with you this time! Each year they will present a little more and you will be able to see their growth in presentations. Look for the notice next week. Please email me with any questions.

Another exciting thing happening is our second play day at WRS. Each class will be given the option to allow play for part of the day on Monday, March 2. We did this last year and the children loved it. It allows the students to have open play without interruption without any technology. We know that many children spend too much time with screens and this is a way to stop this to encourage other play formats. Each child may bring a toy for that day, but it cannot have any technology or batteries. I also say they don't need to bring anything as I have many

things in our classroom that we don't have a chance to play with due to so many demands. Please be sure to label the toy your child brings if they bring one. Remember, usually no toys are allowed at school and some have been coming in recently with students.

Remember to vote on Tuesday as this is an important part of our town and democratic right as a citizen of the United States. If you are not registered please take time to stop by the town hall and register. It only takes a few minutes to do.

#### Upcoming Events

March 3: No school for students, Town Voting Day

March 6: Movie Night at WRS

March 12: PTA at 6:30pm

March 19: Early Release-2 hours early-Parent Conferences

March 20: No school for students-Parent Conferences

Have a great weekend!