

March 6, 2020

Dear Parents,

It has been a busy week with the students not here on Tuesday. With sickness still around us it is challenging. We continue to remind the students to wash their hands frequently with soap and water. Please continue to review this at home as well. I am sending towels home today to be washed.

We began a new number routine in our Number Corner this week. The students are really enjoying it! We continue to explore new ways of looking at numbers. They are amazing to help grow to learn more about numbers and how exciting it can be. They really enjoy this time a lot. We also do our math groups three times a week to meet students at the levels that they are at.

We finished our lowercase letters this week and will continue to work on these along with the uppercase letters. The students are very proud of knowing these letters, sounds and key words. Now we really need to focus on writing the letters correctly. This is challenging for some students, but they will continue to practice in first grade. They will be writing a lot in first grade. We also learned about two more snap words: have, they. These will be added to our rings of cards in our reading bags to practice.

We also finished another unit in our Readers Workshop this week. We continue to practice using our Super Powers to read which is great to see. They enjoy reading and looking at books. Please be sure to read with your child each day. It is so important. Even if your child is beginning to read you can still read to them. Work out a system so they get to practice, but also listen to you reading and talking about books is so important.

We will be traveling by bus next Wednesday, March 11 to the Lebanon Opera House to attend a show through their Youth Series. We will see Dog Loves Books. We will leave @9:15 and return @ 11:30. We have read the book and will continue to read and talk more about the book in preparation for this experience. This is a great way to expose our students to theater.

I am happy to say we welcomed a new child and family to our class this week! We are so excited to not only have him with us in our class, but also his family join our school family.

I am sending home parent conference notices today with your child. Please return them with your response as soon as possible so I can be sure everyone is all set. I have been in touch with a few of you to arrange alternate times to meet. Remember, your child will attend the first few minutes of the conference with you to share and then will play with toys outside our classroom so we can still discuss progress or concerns either of us have. If we need to set up another time to talk more we can. Thanks and I look forward to meeting with all of you. Report cards will be sent home on March 27.

#### Upcoming Events

March 6: Movie Night at WRS- 6:30, Adult needs to attend with students

March 8: Daylight Savings Time begins, set your clock ahead before you go to bed on 3/7

March 12: PTA at 6:30pm

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

March 20: No school for students-Parent Conferences, **Book Order Due**

April 13-17: Spring Break