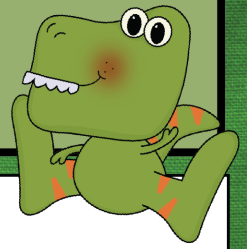


Mrs. Donovan's Weekly News

October 12, 2018



Greetings from our classroom...

This short week after Columbus Day flew by! We were busy continuing our work with the letter F, discussing shape words, and observing the shapes of various trees. Our most exciting news is that we named our hermit crabs. Each student got to suggest a name and we drew three of those suggestions from a basket. The lucky winners were "Spear," Shelly" and "Flash."



Having Fun with Math...

In Math this week, the students looked at lots of shapes and brainstormed many words that can be used to describe shapes, such as round, curvy, straight, corners and points. We also played counting games and learned about the difference between repeating and growing patterns. Students designed amazing patterns with our pattern blocks.

Getting excited to learn all of our letters and sounds in a new way!

This week we completed our Orientation for a new literacy program entitled *Foundations*. We met Echo the Owl puppet who will help us learn our letters and sounds and we practiced how to use lots of new materials including student notebooks and whiteboards to form our letters. We also continued our study of the letter "F." The students made football class books filled with pictures of things that start with the "F" sound and glued colorful feathers to large letter "F"s. We concluded the week with a study about hermit crabs that started with a reading of *A House for Hermit Crab* by Eric Carle. We are having so much fun observing our new class pets.



Welcome to Fall!

This week our discussion of shape words crossed from Math into Science as we made observations about all of the different shapes trees can be. The students played a memory game with eight kinds of trees and commented on how some trees, such as Firs, look like a "triangle" or "arrow" while others, such as Maple and Apple trees, look more round.

Classroom Website Update

I have begun to update our class website. While it is still a work in progress, you will now find our Specials Schedule, General Class Information and links to all of my newsletters from the year so far. Check it out through the Willard Website; click on Academics and Kindergarten to find my name. 😊

Reminders for Next Week:

I will begin sending home information next week regarding our Halloween festivities at the end of the month. We will have a Kindergarten Halloween parade on 10/31. It is always a lot of fun! Please note that attached to this week's email is information regarding the opportunity to learn more about our Open Circle curriculum. Please contact Julee Vitello for details.

