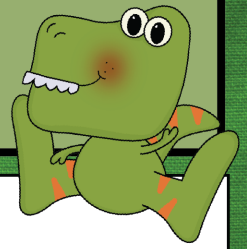


# Mrs. Donovan's Weekly News

October 19, 2018



## Greetings from our classroom...

It really began to feel like Fall this week. We definitely needed jackets on some days and hats and gloves also began making an appearance. Now is a great time to start helping your child practice how to zip and button jackets and how to put on gloves and mittens as well, in preparation for the weather that we all know is coming eventually. ☺ Thanks so much!



## Having Fun with Math!

We learned two new cards games this week, Match Up! and Top Dot! Match Up! is a memory-style game played with dot cards. Students are learning to recognize groups of dots so that sometimes they do not need to count each one. Top Dot! is similar to the card game *War*. Whoever has the most dots, wins that round. The students love it – ask them to play it with you using a deck of cards.

## Learning New Letters...

This week we continued to explore our new literacy program by reviewing many of the letters and sounds we have learned so far, t, b, and f. Students were able to try out many new materials including magnetic letter tiles and boards, and fun sentence frames. They did a great job practicing the letter sounds and are starting to recognize important writing techniques such as sentences always begin with an upper case letter and we always need a period at the end of a sentence. We also listened to a story about our new friend Echo the own and then drew pictures of our favorite parts. The children did an excellent job listening and then answering questions about the parts of the story.



## Getting ready for Friendship Day!

In anticipation of our second annual Friendship Day next Spring, we spent time outside on Wednesday with our buddies. We dug holes in the area around the Willard tree and planted daffodil bulbs. The bulbs were so interesting to observe (Science word!) with our senses. Students noticed that they looked like onions and were quite large. We can't wait to see our flowers bloom in the spring! ☺

## Get Ready for our Halloween Parade!

On Halloween, Kindergarten has a costume parade through the school. Students will wear regular clothes to school and **bring** their costumes. We will help students put on costumes when they get to school. No weapon-like props are permitted, and any masks need to be open enough that students have good visibility, as we will be parading through all of the classrooms in our school. ☺

## Reminders for Next Week:

Thank you to those who have purchased books through Scholastic Books over the past few weeks. We have gathered enough orders to purchase some fun books for our classroom! ☺ If anyone else would like to purchase books online, you may do so through next week. Here is the website and class code:

<http://scholastic.com/bookclubs>  
classcode: TP4NF

