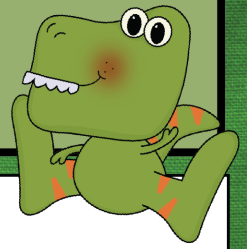


Mrs. Donovan's Weekly News

November 16, 2018



Greetings from our classroom...

It is hard to believe that next week is Thanksgiving – yesterday was the 53rd day of the school year! We talked a lot this week about things we are thankful for and I must tell you how proud we were of the students. They brainstormed a long list of things for which they are grateful, including family, friends, police and firefighters, and their homes. Very thoughtful indeed...



Having fun with Math!

In Math, the students created yet another beautiful shape collage - this time it was a rectangle. The shape collages look wonderful displayed in our classroom. I am impressed with how well students are now able to use descriptive words to explain the attributes of different shapes, such as straight lines, corners and curves.

Working on new letters in Foundations...

This week students learned about the sounds made by the vowel a and the consonant g. Both are a little tricky for students to properly form but they did an excellent job practicing how to write these letters. We are also working on rhyming more closely during these next few weeks. Each time we read a story in which students recognize a rhyme, they give a thumbs up when they hear them. That is a fun activity to try at home as well when you share stories with your children. Rhyming is an important pre-reading skill for all Kindergarten students.



Playing Cards with Our Buddies!

On Wednesday, our buddies taught the students how to play a fun card game called "Garbage!" It helps students practice counting the numbers 1-10 in a new way. We will continue to play it in our classroom all year long. Ask your child to teach it to you. You only need a deck of cards.

Exploring Colors...

Students wove placemats for our upcoming Kindergarten feast. They did a great job creating beautiful patterns with colorful paper. They also painted vivid watercolor sunsets based on *The Legend of the Indian Paintbrush* by Tomie dePaola, a story we listened to with Ms. Stewart's class on Friday. It was interesting to learn about the ways Native Americans could create beautiful paint colors from natural resources.

Reminders for Next Week:

Next week we are having a Kindergarten feast in the cafeteria to celebrate Thanksgiving together. All three classes will eat snack together. Popcorn will also be provided as a snack for students. If you have any concerns about your child having the popcorn, please let me know.

Reminder that both Tuesday and Wednesday next week will be early release days at 12:30. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving! 😊

