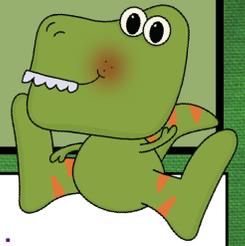


Mrs. Donovan's Weekly News

December 7, 2018



Greetings from our classroom...

It is certainly starting to feel more like winter these days. The students are doing a great job overall with zipping jackets and putting on the rest of their apparel including hats and gloves. Thank you for any help you have provided at home in having students learn to get dressed for outdoors on their own. Practicing zipping and tying in particular is always much appreciated. 😊



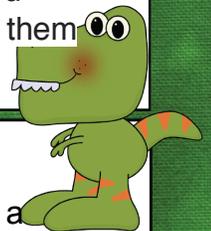
Our new letters this week...

We have already studied 15 letters and sounds this year! This week we focused on R and E, the last of the vowels. We made beautiful rainbows and created a lovely "Rainbow of Rainbows" outside of our room. Please see the picture below. The students also created "R" class books and elephants to decorate our classroom.

Having Fun with Math!

This week we talked again about shapes. The students worked together in groups of 6 or 7 to make giant shapes out of yarn. We are talking a lot about how to **cooperate** with one another and we learned that even in math, cooperation helps.

We also learned position words such as *above*, *below*, *on*, *under* and *between*. The students used dominoes to demonstrate each word and then stood in small groups to show the rest of the class what it meant to stand *between*, *next to*, *in front of* or *behind* friends. We ended Friday with a fun Pete the Cat activity that had students using the positional words. Ask them to read you their Pete the Cat coloring book.



Open Circle Update

This week in Open Circle, we played a game based on the idea of **Cooperation**. We talked about how important it is to cooperate with classmates in order to be able to get things done well and safely. We then looked for opportunities all week to notice when we cooperated with one another and realized that it happens all of the time, in the classroom, at recess and even in the cafeteria at lunch!

Reminders for Next Week:

Thank you to everyone who has already returned the Gingerbread House permission form. For those who have not, please turn it in by the end of next week. Thank you as well to everyone who has signed up to donate items for our decorating activity. Wow! All of the items have already been claimed. We so appreciate your generosity!

Scholastic Book News – I will be placing an order on Monday if anyone else is interested in purchasing books. Our class code is: TP4NF

