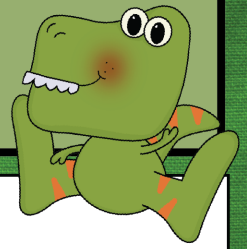


Mrs. Donovan's Weekly News

February 15, 2019



Greetings from our classroom...

We loved celebrating Valentine's Day on Thursday. Students had so much fun distributing valentines to friends and taking the time to look at the ones they got. The children did an amazing job of writing names and sorting the valentines into the proper envelopes here at school. Thank you to everyone for the beautiful valentines that Ellen and I received as well. 😊



Having Fun with Math...

We revisited shapes this week and had a lot of fun being shape detectives. The students looked at a photo of a lighthouse and picked out all of the shapes they noticed in the photo. Then they created shape robots. We also continued to practice recognizing teen numbers. We worked with partners to show teen numbers using fingers and recognized that teen numbers are 1 group of ten plus a number of ones.

Watching Student Writing Take Off in Writing Workshop!

Last week in Writing Workshop we talked about how to create "Small Moment" stories, which consist of at least three of our draw and write pages, all of which focus on one event. It can be something a student did, a vacation, a play date, etc. The pages begin with First, Next, and Last. Well, wow! In just one week it is amazing to read all of the wonderful stories that your children are creating. WW has become a favorite part of our week. I read stories yesterday about special trips, play dates and sleep unders, and favorite times spent with family and friends. Students are working so hard to stretch out all of the sounds they hear and to use finger spaces, which is making their writing so easy to read! Fantastic!



Continuing our Study of Wood...

We explored the similarities and differences among types of wood and then did an experiment to see how water interacts with wood. We concluded our early lessons by hypothesizing whether the pieces of wood would sink or float in tubs of water. Spoiler: all of the pieces of wood float! We also put other objects in the water and realized that things smaller than the wood sink if they are heavier.

Open Circle Update

This week during Open Circle, we discussed the difference between telling and tattling. The students recognized that **telling** means alerting a teacher when someone is doing something dangerous or destructive (we call it "Double D behavior") and that is important to do right away. **Tattling** however, is usually pointing out something a friend is doing wrong in order to get them into trouble, which is often unnecessary. We practiced noticing the difference all week in class and they did a great job with it.

Reminders for Next Week:

During the next school week, we will celebrate **Read Across America** and Dr. Seuss's birthday. In honor of the big day, our class will conduct an author's study which will include many of Dr. Seuss's most famous works. Each day will have a different theme. Please see the flyer that came home Friday with information regarding the theme for each day. It should be a lot of fun!

I wish everyone a safe and wonderful vacation week! 😊

