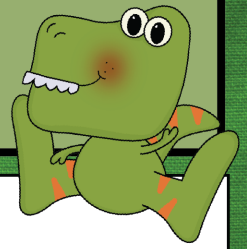


Mrs. Donovan's Weekly News

February 8, 2019



Greetings from our classroom...

It was a really busy week in Kindergarten, especially with preparing for and celebrating 100 Day! It is amazing to think that we have already had 100 days in Kindergarten – the year feels like it is flying by! Now we look forward to Valentine's Day and vacation week and shortly after that, Read Across America Day! Wow! 😊



Having Fun with Math!

We played Ten Bears on a Bus to practice adding groups of numbers to 10. We also played Roll and Record, rolling two dice and recorded the total number that came up on each roll. The first number to come up 12 times was the winner. We logged the winning number for each group and realized that no numbers on either end (2,3,11,12) won. Students recognized that there are more ways to make the numbers in the middle, such as 6 or 7, than there are for the numbers on either end. Awesome job!

Celebrating 100 Day!

We had so much fun in class this week celebrating the 100th day of school. Please see the attached photo - these are our 100 Day crowns. Each one has 100 items on it! Everyone who saw our class was pretty impressed with our hats! We spent center time working on activities related to 100 day. Ask your child what he/she would do with \$100. The answers were excellent! Students spent time building things using 100 of something, such as tinker toys, legos or blocks. The creations were quite imaginative. We also shared our 100 day collections – thank you again to everyone for helping your children count their 100 items. So many said they organized their collection into groups of ten to count them – that is wonderful!



Exploring Materials...

This week we started our Materials and Motion Science unit with an exploration of several types of wood. The students examined 5 different types of wood using many of their five senses. It was interesting to learn that some types of wood do not come directly from trees, such as plywood and particleboard. The students thought it was cool that particleboard is made from sawdust and glue and is molded into boards. We explored the similarities and differences between the types of wood and wrote about it in our Science journals.

Fundations – Building New Skills

This week we began a new unit of work in Fundations. We learned how to tap out the sounds in CVC (consonant-vowel-consonant) words with our fingers. Tapping out the sounds, slowly at first and then blending them more quickly together enabled the students to start recognizing many of the CVC words we set up in our pocket chart. They are becoming readers! 😊

Reminders for Next Week:

We will celebrate Valentine's Day in our classroom next Thursday. We will decorate giant envelopes to hold all of our Valentines. Please let me know if you need another copy of the class list for help in writing Valentines. Any child who brings in Valentines must include one for each classmate. I explained to the students that it is fine to just sign their own name to each Valentine. They may bring in their Valentines starting on Monday. Please let me know if you have any questions. 😊

