## Mrs. Donovan's Weekly News

March 1, 2019

# Celebrating Read Across America...

Here in Kindergarten we love Read Across America Week! We love it a ton. There are so many activities that we do that are fun! We read lots of stories and find funny words that rhyme. Some friends wish we could celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday all of the time!

### A Fantastic Author's Study of Dr. Seuss!

## Having Fun with Math!

This week in Math students challenged themselves to explain how they knew the answers to number stories that we told in class. They drew pictures to prove their answers and wrote sentences as well. We also continued to practice our teen numbers by playing the game Teens on a Double Ten Frame. Partners would spin the wheel and put counters on the board to show their teen numbers.

Our class had so much fun this week celebrating the works of Dr. Seuss while practicing many important pre-reading skills such as blending, segmenting and rhyming. We did many fun activities such as painting beautiful fish to create a colorful bulletin board entitled: "One fish, two fish, Willard fish are cool fish!" Students also did straw paintings of Thing 1 and Thing 2 and created funny Cat in the Hat masks. Today the students went on a green egg scavenger hunt. Each student received an egg half with a simple word on it. They had to hunt through our classroom to find the other egg half with a rhyming word. I loved seeing students who had found their rhymes help other students who were still looking. ©

#### K-Wide Read Aloud with Mr. Lucey!

What a fun pajama day celebration we had today for Dr. Seuss's birthday! We joined the whole Kindergarten grade to listen to Mr. Lucey read us *Green Eggs and Ham* by Dr. Seuss in the auditorium. The students were excellent listeners and they had insightful questions and comments at the end. Thank you to Mr. Lucey!

## Our Latest Science Experiments...

Our investigation into the properties of wood this week led to a new experiment. The question we posed is: How can we make wood sink? The students discovered that they could make the wood sink using paper clips and rubber bands, but that certain kinds of wood are heavier than others because it took less paper clips to sink plywood than it did pine. It was a great realization.

#### Reminders for Next Week:

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for a Spring Parent Conference. I look forward to meeting with you all next month.

Also, a big thank you to all of the students who have donated spare change thus far to our adopt-a-turtle fund. They are so proud of themselves and they love the idea that our class will help to take care of a turtle. Have a wonderful weekend!

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