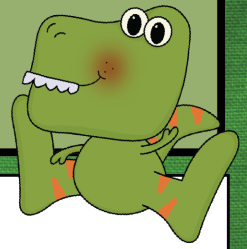


Mrs. Donovan's Weekly News

March 22, 2019



Greetings from our classroom...

We had another fun week in Kindergarten. So much learning is starting to come together for students – this is such an exciting time of year! We also had special visitor today. My daughter Emma, who is 14, came in to do a demonstration of Irish Step Dancing. The class was an excellent audience and asked many thoughtful questions afterwards about Irish Step dancing. We all enjoyed Emma's visit. 😊



Having Fun with Math!

This week we worked on our latest graph – how many students have different kinds of pets? They are very good now at knowing how to collect and record information in order to answer certain questions. We learned that more students have cats than dogs. We also learned about the types of pets other students hope to one day have.

Update on Adopting a Turtle!

Wow! We have been so moved by the students' generosity in donating their spare change to our turtle fund. It has been the talk of the classroom in recent weeks. Yesterday, we had so much fun counting all of the change in our jar and learning about different types of coins and how much they are each worth. Students sorted and counted all of the coins and were thrilled to discover that we have over \$37! We are ready to adopt our turtle! I have reached out to the Loggerhead Marine Life Center and information will be forthcoming in the next few weeks regarding what type of sea turtle we are able to adopt. We celebrated achieving our goal by making the beautiful sea turtles that came home with your child today. We will keep you posted about our turtle throughout the Spring. Thank you again to everyone! 😊



Beginning Our Study of Living Things...

Today we discussed our new Science unit which will begin in earnest on Monday. We will be observing seeds and planting many different kinds of seeds to learn about how living things grow. We enjoyed trying to guess what kinds of things are living and nonliving. The students did an excellent job compiling a list of qualities that all living things need such as food, water and air.

Writing Workshop Update

Writing Workshop is in full swing in our Kindergarten class. Students are busy throughout the week working on three page stories, and I read one yesterday that is more than twice as long! Everyone is working hard to remember to use finger spaces between words, periods at the end of sentences and lower case letters often. I look forward to sharing some of their writing with you at our upcoming Spring conferences.

Classroom Reminders:

I have had several students ask us lately about what kinds of foods are best to bring for snack time. I explained that we try to have foods that are healthy whenever possible, although of course treats are fun to eat sometimes as well. We ask though that students not bring pieces of chocolate or other kinds of candy to school, other than perhaps on a special occasion such as the day after trick-or-treating or a birthday or Valentine's Day. Thank you so much! Please let me know if you have any questions about this policy.

