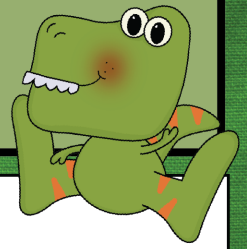


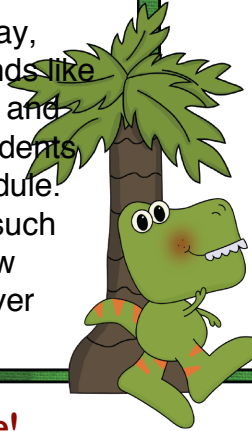
Mrs. Donovan's Weekly News

March 8, 2019



Greetings from our classroom...

Finally we had our first official snow day, although the second one for K. It sounds like all of the students had fun on Monday and I was impressed with how well the students rolled with the disruptions to our schedule. They are taking it in stride and doing such good work at school, which shows how much they have grown and learned over these last seven months.



Having Fun with Math!

This week we played a fun game called Growing Trains to practice joining (addition) stories such as: "I have 3 train cars and I am adding 2 more. $3 + 2 = 5$." There are many kinds of joining stories that students can tell at home. I have my favorites of course, such as: "I had 4 cookies and I added 2 more. How many do I now have?" 😊

Continuing Our Fun with Science!

The students enjoyed continuing our study of the attributes of wood. The question this week was: how can we change the shape of wood? Students knew that people can use saws and hammers to change the shape of wood but agreed that only grown-ups should work with those kinds of tools. Instead, the students donned safety goggles and used pieces of sandpaper to observe what would happen to a piece of basswood when it is sanded. They quickly realized that the corners and side angles of the wood became curved and smoother when sanded. We collected the sawdust in a bag to observe later and the students used pictures and words to record the answer to our question in their Science notebooks.



Wow, we are readers!

It feels like almost everyday now we have friends sharing with us how they are reading new words: in books, at their houses, on signs they see and just about everywhere. They are doing an excellent job during Foundations of tapping out the sounds they hear in CVC words. Often they can read the words I put up before we can tap them out!

Update on Adopting a Turtle...

Today we had so much fun counting all of the spare change that the students have brought in to donate so that our class can adopt (sponsor) a turtle. It turned in to a wonderful counting lesson. The students were fascinated by how much each type of coin was worth and how many of one coin would equal (math term!) another coin. We counted \$26.09! We are just about there! Everyone has been so generous – many thanks to the children. 😊

Reminders for Next Week:

Hopefully spring is on the way soon but there is still a lot of snow on the playground and often a chilly wind, so please continue to send students with all of their snow gear for the next few weeks, especially hats, gloves and boots.

Have a wonderful weekend! 😊

