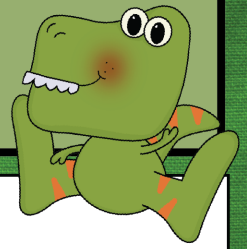


Mrs. Donovan's Weekly News

April 12, 2019



Springtime at Last?

It finally felt like spring the last few days in our Kindergarten classroom, just in time to make some final observations on our beautiful plants and get ready to bring them home. I hope you enjoy seeing the plants today and are as impressed as I am with your children's planting skills. We would love to see photos in the coming weeks if the plants continue to blossom at home.



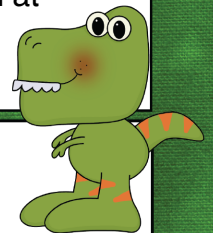
Having Fun with Math!

We continued to work this week on making groups of numbers that equal 10 by playing a fun game called "Bears in a Cave."

Also, now that we have learned about both addition and subtraction signs, we practiced "joining" and "take away" stories. We played "Growing and Disappearing Trains" on game boards.

In Literacy News - Our Kindergarten Sight Words

I mentioned to several parents at our conferences during these past few weeks that the students have been learning several sight words that we often see when reading books and use in our writing. The goal is that by the end of the school year, students will be able to recognize all of the sight words. We call them sight words because many of them are words that we cannot tap out – they do not look the way they sound. Many parents expressed an interest in knowing the K sight words so that they can point them out in books they read at home or in other places that they see them, so here they are, in no particular order: **I, can, like, the, to, and, was, love, mom, am, is, go, yes, no, dad, my, and stop.**



Special Guest Author this Week!

This week we had the opportunity to meet children's author/illustrator Suzanne Bloom. A big thank you to the parents of the PTG for organizing this amazing enrichment opportunity. The students loved meeting Ms. Bloom. She read some of her really funny stories in excellent voices and drew beautiful pictures for our class to keep. Ask your child to tell you about our experience.

Games with Our Buddies!

Today our third grade buddies came down to the classroom armed with lots of our favorite Berenstain Bears stories. They read to their K buddies and then spent time playing lots of games. Pairs of friends were playing Connect Four, Checkers, Memory, Garbage and many other games. It was a wonderful way to wind down the afternoon before the start of April vacation.

Reminders for Next Week:

The next Tuesday following vacation, April 23rd, will be Family Reading Night at Willard. A special tradition is returning. Many staff members will be on hand from 6:30-7:30 to read to friends. I will be here in my pajamas and I hope lots of friends will join us. 😊

Have a safe and wonderful vacation week!

