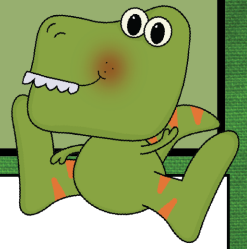


# Mrs. Donovan's Weekly News

April 25, 2019



## Greetings from our classroom...

With Spring vacation now behind us, we are in the last big stretch of our Kindergarten year. It is truly amazing to witness how much your children have grown during this school year. They are becoming confident, independent learners. We are looking forward to fun spring adventures like nature walks, new class creatures to study, and creating more great stories in Writers' Workshop!



## Celebrating Earth Day!

On Monday we celebrated Earth Day by reading a *Charlie and Lola* book about the importance of being good recyclers. We then discussed ways that we could help keep the Earth beautiful and save resources. Finally, we got to work creating a beautiful new bulletin board for outside of our classroom which lets everyone know that even the smallest hands can make a difference. 😊

## Having Fun with Math!

This week we continued working on joining stories, using manipulatives such as dominoes to practice adding numbers together. We also played "Frog Hop" on a life-sized game board where students rolled dice and then told classmates to hop forward or backward on the number line depending on whether it was a plus or minus number.

In addition, students spent time working in pairs to create surveys to administer to all of their classmates and then design graphs to display the data they collected. It was impressive to see the children discussing how to best explain the answers to the questions they asked their classmates. Many of them came up with excellent ways to share the information they had gathered. They are becoming quite a group of mathematicians!



## What is a Community?

We began a new unit in Social Studies this week called *Communities*. We discussed what it means to be a part of a community, like in our classroom, our school and our towns. The students brainstormed places we have in a community and today we actually built our own community. Ask your child about it. We are going to add to it on Monday. I will send out photos once it is complete.

## Thank You to Our Parent Readers

I wanted to take a moment to thank all of the wonderful parent readers we have welcomed into our classroom this year. The students love to listen to stories read by moms and dads. Today we had a special treat when Hiro's mom came in and read two favorites: *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and *Where the Wild Things Are*. She read each page in Japanese and then I read it in English – it was so much fun to hear both languages. 😊

## Reminders for Next Week:

This morning we had fifth grade friends come in to tell us about the food drive that will begin next week, on Monday, April 29. Each day for 10 days (until May 9) students can bring non-perishable items and personal hygiene products to class to donate to the drive. We will collect the items in class and each day fifth graders will gather the items we have donated. Please consider sending in a few items. Thanks so much! 😊

