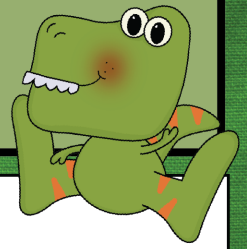


# Mrs. Donovan's Weekly News

April 5, 2019



## Greetings from our classroom...

It was really nice to see many of you this week during our spring conferences. I love to talk about your wonderful children! It is amazing how quickly the school year is flying by now. Today was day 136! We loved learning about the turtle we adopted this week and watching our spring seeds grow and grow. We also started to talk a bit about Earth Day today – so much is happening this spring. 😊



## Having Fun with Math!

This week we learned about the minus sign and practiced subtraction or take-away stories. We played “Disappearing Trains” to see who could do enough subtraction stories to get from 20 train cars down to 0 the quickest. We also practiced measuring again, this time using post-it notes to see whether we were tall enough to ride a certain ride at an amusement park.

## We have adopted our Turtle!

Hopefully you all had a chance to look over the certificates that came home on Wednesday announcing our class adoption of Corwin the sea turtle. The students were so excited! Corwin currently resides at the Loggerhead Marine Life Center in Juno Beach, FL. He is being cared for and healing well from a variety of ailments. We hope he will be able to be released back into the ocean sometime soon. We were able to view some of the turtles that live at Loggerhead on a live webcam feed through our ActivBoard as well. We actually watched some of the volunteers there lift two turtles out of their large tank to be examined. It was very cool! We now have a turtle corner in our classroom with information from Loggerhead, a stuffed turtle to remind us of Corwin, and some sea turtle books to read. 😊



## Spring Plants are in Bloom!

In Science we continued to observe the seeds we planted last week. Students were surprised at how quickly the sunflowers and beans grew - they seemed to sprout almost overnight this week. All four types of seeds are doing well now. We have made three official observations and sketches of the plants thus far to record the changes that occur as they grow.

## Save-the-Date 6-4-19

I am excited to announce that on Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, we will have our end-of-the-year classroom breakfast. Families are invited to meet in our classroom from 8:15-9:15 to celebrate all of the wonderful things we have done in Kindergarten this year. There will be food and a slide show of photos from our whole year as well as students' fabulous work to view. All families are welcome to attend! 😊

## Reminders for Next Week:

I wanted to give you a head's up that I will be sending home your child's spring plants at the end of next week. We like to do it before vacation so they are not here without water for nine days. Please feel free to send in photos letting us know how the plants are growing over the next few months.

