

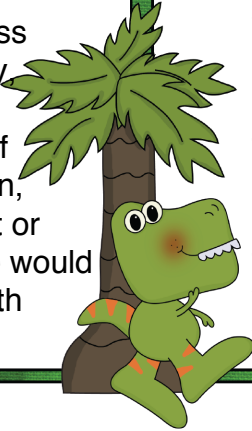
# Mrs. Donovan's Weekly News

May 24, 2019



## Getting Ready for Our Big Breakfast!

We are getting very excited for our class breakfast! It will take place on Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 in our classroom. All family members are invited to attend. If you are unable to attend for any reason, please feel free to invite a grandparent or other special person in your place. We would love for every child to have a visitor with him/her that day. Thanks so much! ☺



## Observing Our New Water Snails...

The students spent time this week exploring our new aquarium and learning more about the snails who are dwelling in there along with several guppies. Everyone did a great job of identifying the parts of the snail and understanding how they move and protect themselves. We were excited to realize that snails are born with their shells, unlike our hermit crabs.

## Having Fun with Math!

Wow! We counted the bottle caps that were added to our growing collection this week and we now have over 200 bottle caps! Students "counted on", which was helpful so that we did not need to start from 1 all over again. Counting on, counting by tens and adding our groups together saved a lot of time. Several friends saved the bottle caps from the drinks they brought on our field trip to add them to our collection as well.

We had a lot of fun this week when some students got to be "Function Machine" robots. We "fed in" a number and using an addition or subtraction rule, we figured out what number the robot would produce. Our robot would give a thumbs up to everyone who guessed correctly. So for example, if the rule was "add 1" and we fed in "2, the answer was 3.



## A Fun Time at Great Meadows!

We had a fabulous time yesterday on the field trip to Great Meadows. The weather was beautiful, breezy and not too warm. The students observed many kinds of birds and bugs, at least two water snakes, a painted turtle and even giant beaver lodges! We enjoyed our picnic snack by the water as well. Many thanks to Tracy DeTora and Elizabeth Kelly for joining us as chaperones.

## Practicing the "ch" Digraph...

The students focused in particular on the "ch" digraph, making "chocolate chip cookies" filled with ch words and a collection of paper chicks. This afternoon, we read *In a Small, Small Pond* by Denise Fleming, a wonderful story that both reminded us of our field trip yesterday and also contained many words with digraphs. The students loved hunting for the digraphs and taking turns highlighting them with special tape. ☺

## Reminders for Next Week:

**Kindergarten Field Day** is Tuesday morning, May 28th. Please let me know if you have any questions. Hopefully the weather will cooperate for Tuesday. Fingers crossed. Sneakers are a must, and sunscreen and a hat are important as well. It should be a really fun morning!

Please Note – This week was the last class when students could check out books from the library. All books will be due next week, by Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>.

