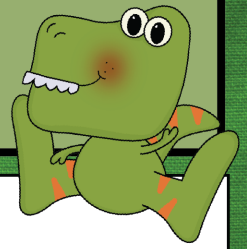


# Mrs. Donovan's Weekly News

May 3, 2019



## Greetings from our classroom...

Well, the calendar says May but it still feels like the rainy days of April out there so far. Hopefully, the sun will start to make more regular appearances next week. We had a really busy week in Kindergarten that culminated today in our celebration of Willard's second annual Friendship Day. Students wore some amazing and colorful hats! 😊



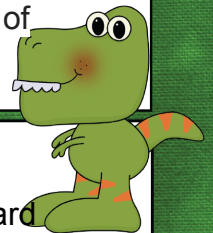
## Learning a new letter...

Since students have done such a great job blending and segmenting CVC words, this week we moved on to working with consonant digraphs. We discussed what happens when two letters come together to make one sound, such as "th," "sh," "ch," "wh," and "ck." The students did t/th and sh/s beginning sound sorts and started to practice tapping out four letter words that still make only three sounds.

## Having Fun with Math!

This week we played "Dice Addition" to practice saying joining stories out loud and adding up numbers to 5. Students are working hard to learn their number facts to five from memory but they are also excellent at using manipulatives such as snap cubes, number lines and even their own fingers to help them solve number stories.

We also had a discussion this week on **collections** and the fun things one can do with a collection such as count and sort the items. We have decided to start a class collection of **Bottle Caps** – please send in as many as you can collect over the next month. We are hoping to beat last year's total of over 500 bottle caps!



## We welcomed new living things...

This was an exciting week for our class in Science. We built a terrarium and planted tree seedlings and moss in the soil inside. We then added darkling beetles and pill bugs to the terrarium as well. We have spent the last few days studying the behaviors of these creatures. The students created detailed sketches of their observations. It was funny to learn that the beetles like to eat potatoes!

## We filled our Pom-Pom jar!!

Big news – we have been working hard to fill a jar with pom-poms that we earn for whole class compliments and for generally stellar classroom behavior. We earned our final pom-pom today because the whole class did a wonderful job at our all-school assembly at the end of the day! The students voted as a reward to have a stuffed animal/pajama day one day next week. Look for an email early in the week with details... 😊

## Reminders for Next Week:

Monday is our field trip to the STEAM Lab at the Ripley building in town. We are so excited! Please send in a disposable snack – thanks so much!

### Upcoming Dates:

- Kindergarten Field Day - Tuesday, May 28
- Class Breakfast – Tuesday, June 4 (8:15-9:00)

