

Mrs. Donovan's Weekly News

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Greetings from our classroom...

We are officially in countdown mode here in Kindergarten. In changing our calendar to June today, we realized we only have 10 days left of school this year! Wow! It was a short but productive week for us. From starting with Field Day to ending today with Spring Science centers, we had so much fun learning and playing together. We are savoring these last few weeks as a class.



Wrapping up Foundations lessons...

This week we had a special treat when our ELA specialist came in to teach a *Foundations* lesson to our students. She was so impressed with how well the students are able to blend words, segment syllables and recognize and sound out all of the digraphs. As we begin to wrap up our literacy instruction for the year, it is amazing to think how far students' reading readiness skills have come since last August.

Having Fun with Math!

We did another lesson this week with our "function machines" – I had several excellent volunteer "robots" to help me. This time around I told the class the number I was feeding in to the robot AND the number that came out. The students had to guess the rule that applied. For instance, if the "in" number was 3 and the "out" number was 5, then the rule was "+2." The students are excited to play again. Wow! Our class collected 328 bottle caps this month! Thank you to all who contributed. We decided to use the bottle caps to design an awesome, giant rainbow dinosaur! We worked so hard on it this week – we can't wait for you to see it on Tuesday.



Fabulous Field Day!

The students had so much fun on Tuesday at Field Day! Many thanks to Mr. Germond and all of the parents who worked so hard to make the day such a success for all of the Kindergarteners! You know a day has gone well when just about all of the students have a difficult time picking just one favorite part to talk about when we discussed it at meeting afterwards. 😊

A Thank You to Parent Readers!

As we conclude our Parent Reader program next Friday morning, I want to take the opportunity to thank all of the parents who have come to our classroom to read stories with the students throughout the school year. It is always a highlight of our week and the students really love when parents share some of their favorite books from home. I have a huge list of new stories now to add to my future reading repertoire as well 😊

Reminders for Next Week:

I am really looking forward to our celebration this coming Tuesday, June 4th. The children have been working hard to get our room ready for the class breakfast. We are looking forward to seeing you all at 8:15 AM on Tuesday morning. I have not heard from anyone who is unable to have at least one family member attend so we are very excited to welcome you all to our classroom. Please let me know if you have any questions about the event. See you there!

