# Mrs. Donovan's Weekly News 

October 5, 2018

Greetings from our classroom... Wow! It is already October? We had a great first week of the month. The students hetped me change the calendar on Monday so wes would be ready to start the month. We received our first class pets this week, a tank of hermit crabs. We did some initial observations of our new friends, but will spend much more time focusing on them next week, including selecting names! ©

## Learning a new letter...

This week we started to learn about the letter $F$ and the sound it makes. The students did an amazing job with a T/F sort. They are really starting to hear the difference in letter sounds. We also worked with pattern blocks and stickers on Frieda Fish and read Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed. We will continue to work with F next week.

Our First Kindergarten Field Trip!
Our field trip to Land's Sake Farm in Weston this morning was a big success! The students used all 5 of their senses to make observations at the farm. Ask your child to tell you about the vegetables and herbs they tasted, including tomatoes, mint, lemon leaves and fun cucamelons! We also fed bunnies and hung out at the chicken coup with the chickens. Many thanks to our chaperones, Molly Engermann and Jillian O'Connell, for coming with us. It was a special day!

Having Fun with Math...
This week we used five frames to count from 1-5 and played a game called "Quick Looks," during which students got quick looks at cards with dots on them and tried to see the groupings of dots to figure out how many were on each card. For instance, a student might say he/she saw four dots because there were two on top and two on the bottom, and two groups of two equal four.

## Yoga with our Buddies!

We were lucky on Wednesday to have our buddies invite us to their third grade classroom to teach us some simple yoga stretches. The third graders did a fabulous job working with their buddies. The Kindergarteners picked up on the moves quickly and learned a lot. Our buddies also selected library books to share with us afterwards. What nice friends we are making!

## Reminders for Next Week:

I wish everyone a happy and relaxing long weekend! I look forward to seeing your children again on Tuesday. ©

- Sneakers needed Tuesday
- Library books on Wednesday

