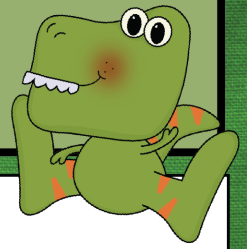


# Mrs. Donovan's Weekly News

September 14, 2018



## Greetings from our Classroom!

Hello! It was a busy first full week in Kindergarten. We did several "**All About Me**" projects which are displayed in our classroom and we learned a lot about new friends and the ways in which we are all both different and the same. We also met with our buddies today and learned about things we have in common.



## Having Fun with Math!

In our first Math lessons, we explored pattern blocks and talked about all of the wonderful things we can do with different shapes. We also practiced counting during Calendar Math at Morning Meeting and recognizing numbers while discussing the daily temperature.

## All About Me!

To learn about our classmates and ourselves this week, we started by discussing our names and how they make us unique. The students created "name confetti" with star stickers and today we read *Chrysanthemum* by Kevin Henkes in which a Kindergarten student comes to appreciate her special name. We then made our own name chrysanthemums to display. Students also created their own All About Me dolls which are on display in the hallway. We read *The Colors of Us* by Karen Katz and then had so much fun mixing lots of paint colors to come up with what we thought was just the right shade for our skin. It is incredible how much the dolls look like the students!



## Our Science explorations have begun!

We started our first Science unit by discussing our five senses and how we can use them to examine a tree, its trunk, branches, roots and leaves. Students drew pictures of what the Willard tree looks like during the last days of summer. They also labeled the parts of the tree on their drawings. Throughout the year, we will visit the tree and discuss the changes we observe during each season.

## Back to School Night

It was wonderful to meet and talk with so many of you on Wednesday at Back to School Night. ☺ I know it may have seemed like a lot of information at one time. Please contact me anytime with questions you may have. Thank you to all of those who signed up today for a November Parent/Teacher conference time. Please let me know if you have any trouble with the Sign Up Genius link.

## Reminders for Next Week:

I have passed along to our room parents the emails that many of you provided on the Volunteer sheet during Back to School Night. If there is anyone who did not get a chance to complete that sheet but would like to share an email address with our room parents, please let me know and I will gladly pass along the information. Our room parents will contact you throughout the year with information about classroom events and activities.

I will send out a new **Sign-Up Genius** this week for parents who would like to participate in our Friday Morning Reader program.

