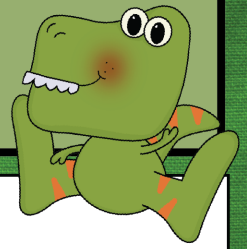


Mrs. Donovan's Weekly News

September 21, 2018



Practicing our routines...

We had a fun-filled, busy week in Kindergarten. During Open Circle, the students brainstormed rules we should all agree to follow at school. They did an excellent job discussing expectations that would make our classroom a safe and welcoming place in which to learn.



Having Fun with Math!

This week we learned how to find partners and measure length. The students did well practicing how to approach classmates to ask them to compare objects and find a match. We also learned a fun game called **Gotcha!** The students tried to catch me making counting mistakes – they did a great job! We ended today by hunting for numbers in stories.

Double the fun this week learning two letters!

This week we began our exploration of letters and sounds by learning about two consonants, “B” and “T” and the sounds they make. The students practiced working at various centers throughout the week and completed many literacy-related projects including a B/T letter sort, pattern block puzzles for Tanya Turtle and her friend the Bear, fancy tigers, B’s with buttons, and the first two class ABC books we will make this year, our Ball and T-Shirt books. The students were excited to learn that they will each get to take home one of our ABC books at the end of the year.



Introducing our Science Notebooks!

We reviewed the parts of a tree that we learned last week. Students did a great job reading the words now listed on our class word wall. Students then worked in small groups to match picture cards of tree parts with words. It was nice to see how cooperative students were with one another. Finally, each student received a science notebook, where we will record our observations all year.

Our First Assembly – Everyday Hero!

On Thursday morning we attended our first PTG-sponsored school assembly. Cycling champion Chris Poulos performed amazing stunts while talking to students about the importance of being kind and respectful upstanding citizens. The Kindergarteners loved the cool stunts and also learned about the importance of treating others kindly. It was a lot of fun – many thanks to the PTG!

Reminders for Next Week:

- **Picture Day!** Next Thursday, September 27th is Picture Day. Good news – Kindergarten goes early in the day – before recess. ☺ The forms went home yesterday. Please complete and return the picture day form as soon as possible and let me know if you have any questions.
- The "One World, Many Stories" reading bulletin board could use more photos of Willard students reading in some of their favorite places. Please feel free to send in a photo of your child reading. Thank you!

