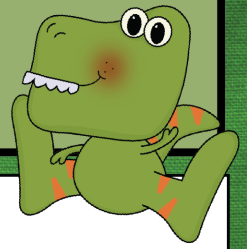


# Mrs. Donovan's Weekly News

September 28, 2018



## Greetings from our classroom...

We have finished our first month of Kindergarten – amazing! The students are really settling in well. They have done a great job learning many of our most important class routines. They especially love counting how many days we have been in school, keeping track of the weather and singing about the days of the week and months of the year.

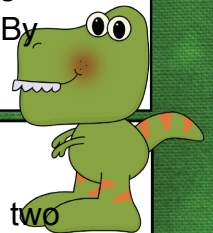


## Learning a new letter...

After finishing up our study of “T” early in the week, we moved on to the letter “D,” a favorite for Mrs. Donovan and Ms. Davis. ☺ We learned that D is the noisy partner of T. The sound is the same but with our voices on instead of off. The students made awesome dragons that can be used as bookmarks. They also worked really hard on T and D letter sorts.

## Having Fun with Math!

We learned a new game called *Count and Sit*. Students stand in a circle and count off from 1-10. Whoever says 10 sits and then we start again. The last student standing wins. It was so much fun and we will play it throughout the year, counting even higher as time goes on. We also created two new graphs: a birthday month chart and an age graph to figure out how old everyone is in our classroom. We discussed that the birthday month chart will always stay the same because our birthday does not change. However, with the age graph, students realized that the five year old row is longest right now but that this is a changing graph. By the end of the year, the five year old line will be smaller and the six year old line will be longer.



## Welcome to Fall!

We celebrated the start of a new season this week. We read stories about Fall and brainstormed all of the fun things we like to do in the Fall, such as apple picking, trick-or-treating, and the class favorite, jumping in large leaf piles! Students then did a draw and write about one of their favorite things to do in the fall. We are excited to watch for one of the best signs of Fall – changing leaf colors!

## Open Circle Update

This week in Open Circle we learned two important lessons that we will practice all year long. The first was about some of the non-verbal signals we can use that are helpful in the classroom, such as raising our hands, thumbs up and the quiet sign. The second lesson was to practice a few methods of calm breathing. The students particularly liked doing flower breaths – ask them to show you how to do it.

## Reminders for Next Week:

Next Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> is our field trip to Land's Sake Farm. I will send a detailed email next week with information regarding snacks and appropriate dress. It will be a fun experience! Thank you so much for returning the permission forms so quickly – we have 100% back!



Have a wonderful weekend!

