

**Classroom and School News**

 Last week was so busy with passing out Valentine cards to one another and celebrating the 100th day. It was sweet to see how excited they were to give out their cards and/or treats. It is nice to see more excitement for giving than for receiving. Our 100th Day was also great! Thank you to everyone for helping to make it a success. All of the supplies and time you shared were simply amazing. THANK YOU!

**Dr. Seuss Week**

 You should have gotten some information last week about the special activities we have planned to celebrate Dr. Seuss’ birthday! Since he is one of our favorite authors, we celebrate all week with all of track 3 and the other track 4 classes. Please look at the balloon sheet each day for reminders about the plan for each day.

**Book Fair**

 Our annual Book Fair will begin on March 1st and run through March 8th. Family night at the Book Fair is scheduled for Friday, March 3rd from 5:30-7:30. Mr. Jenkins and other teachers will be reading stories while families peruse all of the great books. Our class is scheduled to preview the Book Fair on Monday, March 6th. The children will be able to walk around and look at all of the cool titles. You will be receiving more information as the dates approach.

**Conferences**

 It almost time for us to meet again so that I can brag to you about your amazing children. This quarter I do conferences a bit differently. We do a student led conference where your child gets to come with you and show off his/her skills. This format includes 3 centers plus a quick meeting with me. There will be up to four families working in the room at the same time; each one doing activities at a different center. I will send you more information as the dates approach, but the sign up genius will be coming out soon! I want to make sure you have time to add the date to your calendar.

**Rapid Reminders**

**March 1st – 8th:** Book Fair

**March 3rd:** Book Fair Family Night from 5:30-7:30

**March 6th:** Our day to preview the Book Fair

**March 16th:** Field trip to Marbles

**March 17th:** Awards Rally at 1:20

**March 24th:**  Early release day and track out day (We will visit Mrs. Vamos’ class beginning at 10:15.)

**Wish List**

* **GLUE STICKS (We are totally out of extras)**
* Colored cardstock
* Address labels (30 per page)
* St. Patrick’s Day pencils

**Now Learning…**

**Reading:**

This week the children practiced a new reading skill. It is called a “cross check” and it is the one strategy that the children need to use every time they read. When your child is reading to you and you notice an error please ask him/her these questions about the sentence so that he/she will become more skilled at noticing errors independently: “Does it look right, does it sound right, does it make sense?”

**Math:**

During math, the children worked on various strategies they can use to solve addition and subtraction equations. So far, they have practiced using objects to count, drawing pictures and counting on or back using a number line.

**Letterland:**

We have officially revisited all of the Letterlanders. Over the last two weeks, we have focused on Walter Walrus, Fix-It-Max, Yellow Yo-Yo Man and Zig Zag Zebra. Please ask your child where he/she might find the letter x in words and what sound it will make.

**The Weekly Word**

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