



Weekly News from Mrs. Mikalsen's Class March 7, 2025



Language Development & Reading:

~We looked for our Word of the Week: "saw" in our books and morning messages.

~We celebrated stories that we have been writing recently. It's always so much fun to share what we've created with our fellow writers.

~In Foundations we are using tapping to both decode (read) and encode (write) CVC words. We enjoyed determining real vs. nonsense words and discriminating between long and short vowel sounds.

~In Literacy Centers we:

- read lots of great books in our small groups,
- practiced reading and writing our high frequency words,
- listened to stories,
- determined real and nonsense words,
- practiced writing sentences using capitals and periods,
- shopped for new books for our book bins.

~enjoyed Read Across America week ~ and especially our all school Drop Everything and Read – read-in.

Books:

~The Log

~Green Eggs and Ham

~The Cat in the Hat

~Horton Hatches an Egg

~Yertle the Turtle

Poems/Songs:

~ Dr. Seuss

~I Saw A...



Upcoming Events and Reminders

Friday, March 7th:

Scholastic Book Order Due

Monday, March 10th:

Library Books Due

Tuesday, March 11th

Special Election Vote for School Budget

Friday, March 14th

No School, Staff Development Day

Friday, March 28th:

PICTO Night

Happy Birthday

Mrs. Ibrahim 3/7



Math:

~We learned how to play a new game "Hungry Caterpillars" which involves recognizing and combining shapes.

~We loved playing "Guess What's In my Pocket?" where the children had to guess, using attributes and the process of elimination, what shape I was hiding.

~We reviewed the many new games that we have added to Work Places over the past week. We have really been enjoying them.

~In our March Number Corner we've been adding to our collection of "Lion" and "Lamb" weather days. We also have been counting on an open number line and ordering numbers as well

**Science:**

We are enjoying our unit on living things.

~We discussed the difference between living and nonliving things

~We went outside and looked for living and nonliving things.

~We learned about what living things, like plants and animals, need to survive.

~We began to explore the idea that animals have special characteristics and features that help them to meet their basic needs.



We were also so excited to learn about the Ramadan this week. Mrs. Ibrahim and her daughter Jasmine told us all about how they celebrate this special holiday. They also read us a Curious George book about Ramadan and answered lots of our questions. Throughout this holiday month we will have opportunities to learn more about Ramadan.

Trying to think of something fun to do this weekend?

1. Family bike ride
2. Game night
3. Neighborhood walk
4. Family movie night
5. Read a book together
6. Family slumber party

Please Remember to

*Add the poem "Dr. Seuss" to your child's Poetry Binder.



*Have your child read any books that come home in their **Purple Reading Bags** to you. Please record the title, sign that they read it with you, and send it back in the next day.