



# Weekly News from Mrs. Mikalsen's Class March 13, 2025



## Language Development & Reading:

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

~We began our new "Nonfiction Writing" unit. We:

- used mentor texts to see how published authors write nonfiction books
- worked on a shared writing book: All About Bears
- generated a list of topics that we could use to write nonfiction books.

~In Foundations we are using tapping to both decode (read) and encode (write) CVC words. We decoded and categorized real vs. nonsense words, played a game where we segmented and blended words, and we also practiced the special rule that helps us determine if a word begins with a "c" or a "k."

~In Literacy Centers we:

- read lots of great books in our small groups,
- practiced reading and writing the high frequency words is & his,
- determined if words were real or nonsense
- used our fine motor skills to make a leprechaun and then created a speech bubble of what he might say.
- read an emergent reader about leprechauns
- practiced identifying rhyming words.

## Books:

~Look Out!

~There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Rainbow

~Pete the Cat: The Great Leprechaun Chase

~How to Trap a Leprechaun

~It's St. Patrick's Day

~The Luckiest St. Patrick's Day Ever!

## Poems/Songs:

~ I'm a Little Leprechaun

~Snowman



## Upcoming Events and Reminders

### Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>

No School, Staff  
Development Day

### Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>:

Library Books Due

### Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>:

PICTO Night



## Happy Birthday

Mrs. Ibrahim 3/7



### Math:

~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

~We created a Shoo Fly patterned quilt and recorded lots of interesting things that we noticed about the patterns that can be seen on it.

~We are starting our next unit which will focus a lot on three dimensional shapes and teen numbers.

~We enjoyed playing games during Work Places



### Social Studies/Science:

We are enjoying our unit on living things.

~As scientists, we observed a variety of animals and created a chart to scribe what we saw the animals doing, why we think they were doing that, and what we wondered about the animals. As our unit continues we will learn more about these animals and what they were doing.

~We learned about how different animals find food. Quail scratch and peck while walruses use their whiskers and flippers to find mollusks on the ocean floor. We got to enjoy being quails and walruses.

~We also learned about and explored how animals use shelters to help protect themselves.

### *Please Remember to*

\*Read the poems in the binder with your child at least a couple of times a week.



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



### We learned about St. Patrick's Day

~The students had a blast making cool and intricate leprechaun homes with their friends.

~We learned about the different ways that people celebrate the St. Patrick's Day holiday.

~We had lots of fun with Leon the Leprechaun this week. He wrote us letters. We created sweet homes that we hoped he's be able to relax in. It was clearly evident that he paid us a visit as he left behind quite a few of his personal items including his hat, a blanket, mittens, a fancy button and his shillelagh. Who knows what Monday might bring?