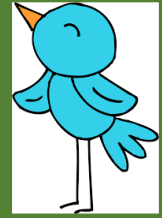


Weekly News from Mrs. Mikalsen's Class March 28, 2025



Language Development & Reading:

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

~We are enjoying our "All About" writing unit. We:

- Researched an animal of our own choosing.
- We created our own individual books about that animal.

~In Foundations we finished our 3rd unit and took assessments on our progress (we're doing great!)

~In Literacy Centers we:

- read books in our small groups,
- practiced reading and writing the high frequency word "was" as well as practicing many of the words we've learned to date,
- read and colored an emergent reader about Spring
- listened to stories on Epic about our animals
- rewrote sentences checking for correct capitalization and ending marks
- shopped for new books for our book bins.

Books:

~Moon's Ramadam

~Rashad's Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr

~Shoes, Shoes, Shoes

~A Fruit Is a Suitcase for Seeds

~Building a House

~Fly Away

Poems/Songs:

~ Plans



Upcoming Events and Reminders

Friday, March 28th

Picto Night

Friday, April 4th:

Library Books Due

April 18th – 28th

Spring Break



Birthdays

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Math:

~We are enjoying learning more about geometry

- We used polydrons to create models of cubes and triangular prisms.
- We played I Spy using attributes of shapes as our clues.
- We solved addition number stories using manipulatives and written equations.
- We worked with this month's collection of lions & lambs – creating graphs and equations to track how many lions and lambs are in our collection.
- We sorted and resorted shapes by a variety of attributes

~We enjoyed, as always, playing lots of games during our Work Places time.



Social Studies/Science:

We are enjoying our unit on living things.

~We added mud to our bird nests – that was just what the needed (and what birds actually use) to hold them together. We took our nests out to the courtyard and carefully placed them in trees and bushes with the hope that some birds might make them their new digs.

~Speaking of birds, we're getting ready for the arrival of our chick eggs on April 8th. We even prepared a Barley Sheaf New Segment on it. The whole school is getting excited.

~We also started learning about plants this week.

- We read about what plants need to grow.
- We examined a variety of seeds.
- We will begin planting some of those seeds next week.



Family Fun – Kitchen Garden

This one is an easy and fun activity for your younger gardeners. Most of your supplies can be found right in the kitchen. All you'll need for this project is some egg cartons, clean eggshells, soil, spoons, seeds, and markers or pens. If you want to get fancy with your shells then grab some googly eyes, gems, or glitter to decorate with. Herb will be an easy one to begin with.



*Have your child read any books that come home daily 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. If they are reading books from their "Read Again Bags" they can select one or two that they'd like to read.

