



Weekly News from Mrs. Mikalsen's Class April 11, 2025



Language Development & Reading:

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

~In Literacy Centers we:

- read lots of great books in our small groups,
- practiced reading and writing "be"
- read and illustrated decodable books,
- created an adorable bee and wrote about it
- identified digraphs in given words,
- shopped for new books for our book bins.

~In Foundations we are really working on mastering the digraph sounds: sh~ship~/sh/, ch~chin~/ch/, th~thumb~/th/, wh~whistle~/w/ and ck~sock~/k/. We continue to tap out both real and nonsense words, build words using our magnetic tiles, and write words on our dry erase boards.

Books:

~Pitter Patter

~Chicken Story Time

The Life Cycle of a Chicken

Hatching Chicks in Room Six

The Cow That Laid an Egg

Poems/Songs:

~ What Can I Be?



Upcoming Events and Reminders

Monday, April 14th:

Walking School Bus
"Spring Step and Spin"

Monday, April 14th:

Library Books Due

Thursday, April 17th:

Scholastic Book Orders
due

April 18th – 28th

Spring Break



Birthdays

Colin 4/5

Dennis 4/21

Jasdeep 4/29



Math:

~We are learning lots about teen numbers

- We completed an assessment on our teen numbers
- We told and recorded number stories
- We found partners for 5, 6 and 7 using manipulatives and recorded them using pictures and equations.
- We learned how to play "Fill It Up 5+" where we worked on using 5 as a benchmark number to then help us build quantities up to ten.
- We learned how to play Bunny Bump which helps us recognize teen numbers and quantities.

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



Social Studies/Science:

~We have been enjoying watching our plants grow. Our popcorn plants came home. Aren't their root systems fascinating? Our sunflower seeds are starting to sprout. Look for them to come home next week.

~We have an exciting addition (well maybe 12 additions) to our room – Chicken Eggs! Thanks to a grant from our wonderful Barley Sheaf PTO, and some extra help from Mr. Truncate, we are the caretakers for a dozen chicken eggs. So far we learned about the eggs in general and about how the incubator works to help them. Our expected hatch date is April 28th/29th. Stay tuned for lots more details in the coming weeks.



Family Fun Idea

A special thanks to our PTO for sponsoring the Eyes of the Wild Assembly. We had so much fun learning about and meeting interesting animals.



*Have your child read any books that come home in their **Purple Reading Bags** to you. If they are reading from their "Read Again" bag – just have them choose one or two books to share. Please record the title (as needed), sign that they read it with you, and send it back in the next day.

