



Weekly News from Mrs. Mikalsen's Class April 17, 2025



Language Development & Reading:

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

~In Literacy Centers we:

- read lots of great books in our small groups,
- practiced reading and writing "here"
- read and illustrated decodable books,
- identified and generated rhyming words
- identified digraphs in given words,
- clapped out words to determine the number of syllables
- 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 (continued)

~Pete the Cat and the Easter Basket Bandit

Chicken Encyclopedia

Little Critter's Easter

All About Chicks

Poems/Songs:

~ Here Is



Upcoming Events and Reminders

Monday, April 14th:

Library Books Due

Thursday, April 17th:

Scholastic Book Orders
due

April 18th – 28th

Spring Break



Thursday, May 1st:

Library Books Due

Birthdays

Colin 4/5

Dennis 4/21

Jasdeep 4/29



Math:

~We are learning lots about measurement

- We are using our calendar markers to learn about different ways to measure different kinds of things
- We told and recorded number stories about frog and toads
- We compared weights of given objects using a pan balance
- We used our number line to count backwards
- We are enjoying playing Bunny Bump which helps us recognize teen numbers and quantities.

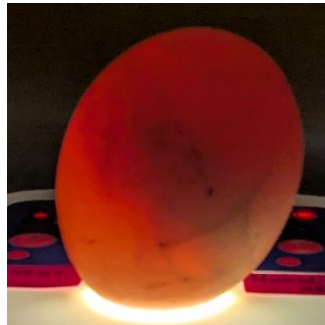
~We enjoyed, as always, playing lots of games during our Work Places time.



Social Studies/Science:

~We brought home our sunflowers. We made another entry about our sunflowers in our Sunflower Journals. The children are encouraged to plant their flowers at home and make a final entry. We saw some pictures from sunflowers grown by past students. These are Mammoth Sunflowers and the can grow to be 10 to 12 feet high.

~We are loving caring for our eggs and learning lots about chicks and chickens. Our expected hatch date is April 28th/29th. Stay tuned for an email towards the end of Spring Break with a link to our "Egg Cam." Families can log in and check for pip holes starting around the 28th. This week we also candled the eggs and observed what's happening on the inside of the eggs.



Family Fun Idea

Earth Day is on April 22nd!

As a family considering taking some special time over Spring Break to celebrate our beautiful planet. Plant some flowers, take a hike, so down to the shore. There's so much beauty for us to see and take care of.



*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.

