

Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to the beginning of spring at the end of the week! Here's our news!

Conferences

Please fill out the conference sheet that came home in your child's folder on Friday in order to confirm the date and time. We are looking forward to sharing your child's progress with you!

Phonics/Penmanship:

The new words for the week are: from, did, eat, teacher, kick. Please continue to practice reading and spelling all words.

Reading Incentive Program

Please continue to keep track of your child's reading minutes! **The goal is for students to read 75 minutes per week.** The minutes are due to your child's teacher each Monday.

All first grade classes met goal for Week 1! As a reward, we watched The Lorax together!

Reading and Writing

This week we will continue our learning in Poetry. We learned that poems have their own special music. One way to give our poems music is to divide our words into lines that go down the paper called line breaks. Line breaks help set the rhythm of the poem as well as to create white space and shape of the poem. Line breaks help your poem look and sound the way you want it to. Therefore, reading will need to read them in a certain way.

Health

Within our Second Steps curriculum, we have continued to learn about empathy. We learned that how you feel about something now may be different from how you will feel about it later. This continues to expand students' awareness of how feelings work and improves their ability to understand their own and others' feelings by helping them explore ways feelings can change. Inviting and welcoming are important skills that can help students build friendships and avoid being left out or feeling ostracized. We have also learned that an accident is when you do something you didn't mean to do. It is important to accept responsibility for an accident to prevent others from assuming it was intentional.

Science

Last week we compared the Earth and the Moon and found many ways they are alike and different. For example, the moon has no air and the Earth does. People can live on Earth, but not on the Moon. We also began to notice that shadows will be shorter in the middle of the day and longer in the afternoon.

Respectfully yours,
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