



Room 33 Friday, February 28, 2014

Next week is "A" week

The **Carnival** is on Friday, March 7th. Please bring your child out for some fun starting at 5:30. Pre-sale tickets are available this week. There will be lots of games and food. Check out the many awesome raffle baskets. Thank you for all of your donations to the raffle baskets! I hope to see you there!

Field Trip: We are going to the farm March 13th. Permission forms must be signed in order for your child to attend. The cost is \$5.00 for your student and \$5.00 for you if you attend. Adults attending will be expected to be a chaperone. No siblings are allowed on the field trip. We will be put into groups and chaperones will be assigned a group of students. Students will have to have a packed lunch that day as the school lunch will not be available to us upon return. I will send a more detailed letter this upcoming week regarding the details. We will go rain, shine, or snow 🌂.

In two weeks our resource officer, Officer Shobe will be speaking with the students. He comes into the classroom and speaks for about 30 minutes. He covers topics of respect, stranger danger, and good and bad drugs. He will visit our classroom 3-4 times.

Reading

This week the students learned about birds. Our stories revolved around birds and their behaviors. Check out what we did today for Discovery Friday later in the newsletter. Students worked on long vowel o_e. Reading words with super silent e has become easier to recognize now since we have done a_e and i_e. Next week our words will be long vowel u_e and then we will be moving onto vowel teams. The students continue to grow in their reading ability on a weekly basis. Next week our stories will be about recycling.

Math

This week we began Chapter 12 on numbers to 40. Students are using the same terminology we began last fall, but with larger numbers. We worked hard on place value and how to determine how large a two-digit number is and how to explain why. Students began comparing two two-digit numbers by place value and explain why. I am seeing them apply what they have learned to truly understand the math and reasoning behind the answer. Next week we will continue to work on numbers to 40. Vocabulary more than and less than are skills students need in order to compare numbers and we will continue to work on this skill using place value. Depending on the weather, the students will be tested on Friday over this chapter.

Discovery Friday

Today the students rotated through the first grade classrooms learning about a different bird in each classroom. Animal characteristics are specific to the species and learning how one bird is the same and different than another was great fun. Has your child told you about the eagles we are observing? We are watching a live camera feed on a bald eagle nest from Decorah, Iowa. It is truly amazing to observe. The mom has laid two eggs so far since last Sunday. We will be checking in almost every day for a couple of times to observe behavior. Already we have seen the eggs and how the parents take turns sitting on them and just how gingerly they take care of rotating the eggs. We were fortunate to see one of the parents flying into the nest from a distance. We will continue to observe them until the end of the year. Typically, the eaglets do not leave the nest by the end of the year so you will have to stay tuned in June. Please access the site at

www.decoraheaglecamalerts.com

Have a great week!

Mrs. Williams

"If you are going to be compassionate, be prepared for action."

Desmond Tutu