

January 26, 2012

Dear Parents,

We are moving along and learning as much as we can, no matter how much this winter weather tries to dampen our learning spirits. We are busy as ever and making great gains!

We have worked very long and hard on our writing skills this week. We looked at our Writing Prompts from the beginning of the year so each child could see what their writing looked like 4 months ago and compare them to what they are able to do now. It is so much fun to share their excitement as they see their growth!

We have started 3-Minute Math Fact tests. We use these to encourage memorization of the addition and subtraction facts (a first grade objective). I will send home practice sheets that your child can challenge themselves with, at home. We continue to write Math story problems, each day in class. We write, solve, and illustrate one each day together, and at the end of the year they will be compiled into a classroom book for each child to keep.

I am including, in Friday folders, a permission slip for our Field Trip, to see "Green Eggs and Ham," coming up on March 13th, and 2 book order forms. The permission slip is due back on March 1st and the book orders will be sent through an online order on February 10th. If ordering, please send cash or a check made out to me because I use my bankcard to place the order. Thank you!

Enjoy your weekend together,

Marcia Rea

Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened.
-- Dr. Seuss

The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.
-- Dr. Seuss

You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. You are the guy who'll decide where to go.
-- Dr. Seuss