



Where Did the Year Go?

I want to begin this newsletter by thanking all the parents for all their help and support this year. I'll be sending home a survey soon to find out your reaction to your child's time in my classroom. I would ask that you are honest with the questions since they help me become a better teacher.

Thank you so much for all of your support both at school and at home. It's always overwhelming at this point in the year, but this class has learned so much. A lot of these final days will be spent appreciating what we've accomplished, but also learning a few more vital skills.

Awards, Awards, Awards!

Our May student of the month winner is **Ethen Cooper!** Ethen has developed into such a wonderful classmate this year. The entire group agrees that Ethen makes our class better and he has worked really hard at learning new things and also showing us what he knows. Congratulations Ethen... it has been a pleasure to have you in our class!

Congratulations should also go to the members of the **Bird Group (Again!)**: *Bryce, Isabella, Hailey, and Patrick*. The Super Group Award is given out each week for groups that work well together and set a good example for the rest of the class. We have about 1 week left in these groups, and then the students get to choose their own groups for the final week of the year!

- *All this week, the school's library will be transformed into a used book store. Students and parents alike will have the opportunity to purchase these books for super low prices!*

Learning Topics

In math we are deep in the middle of our geometry unit. We spent some time in the computer lab learning about angles last Friday. Other things that we will discuss include 2-D and 3-D shapes, polygon features, and various lines, points, and rays.

In social studies we will continue to learn more about Michigan government and law-making, but we will also work on some lessons that deal with public policy. The students will have a short writing assignment about a certain public policy issue this week.

Science we are still consumed by zoo preparation for the next couple weeks. Don't forget to help your student become an expert about their chosen animal in whatever ways you can. I included an assignment overview/checklist for this project on the back of this week's reading chart.

We took a final word work quiz on the (j) sound today and had our last publishing party last week, but we are far from finished with Lang. Arts activities. We plan to become the best readers and writers that we can and we will spend these final 2 weeks reviewing past strategies and building on our success.

Upcoming:

- **Friday, May 28** - Plan to be at the talking ZOO! Invite as many people as you can! More people = More donations! I'm thinking a picnic-style, pizza lunch would be fun for the animals that day.
- **Field Day is Thursday, June 3.** Dress for outdoor activities that day. This is a privilege that must be earned by each student. Parents who wish to volunteer should contact Mrs. Heppe.
- Only 10 left this school year! Let's keep working hard and finish the year strong! Our final day of class is a half day on **Tuesday, June 8.**

