

News from Mrs. Hunter and Class

September 3 - 6, 2019

We may have had a short week, but we sure managed to get lots of learning accomplished!



Have you heard the latest about BOOMER, our Monarch caterpillar? Well, he is a caterpillar no longer! We watched as Boomer climbed to the top of his habitat last Friday, attached himself, and curled upside down into the shape of a "J." Shortly after the children went home for their long weekend, Boomer formed a beautiful chrysalis. We are checking on him OFTEN, hoping to witness Boomer's emergence as a gorgeous Monarch butterfly. We will even be able to tell whether Boomer is a "he," or is actually a "she." (Ask your child how we can tell!)

Some of our very big accomplishments this week:

*We are "SUPER HEROES" in math! Be sure to ask your child about his/her "super-powers!" Our class can use X-ray vision to discover "mystery numbers!"

*We struggled just a bit with the short vowel "i" sound in spelling, but we stuck with it! Vowels can be a real PAIN for First Graders!

*Possessives - in First Grade?!? Yes, we learned all about "apostrophe s" when showing ownership. For the next few months, you will probably see apostrophes before EVERY "s" your child writes! ☺ It's a process!

*We had our first STEM Lab of the year on Wednesday. We love visiting Mrs. Warren in the lab. This week we created useful "inventions" from pipe cleaners, straws, tape, and paper plates.

*The "m&m Fairy" visited us for the first time on Thursday! Ask your child about WHY she leaves m&m's on our journals. Maybe you can even discuss how your child might get a couple more m&m's next time the fairy comes.

*We have begun discussions centered around September's "Core Value": TRUST. This one's tricky, because I don't want to teach your child to trust everyone! Instead, we will focus our discussions on how to BE trustworthy - tell the truth, do what you say you will do, etc.

Don't forget:

*Grandparents' Day on Monday. Please note that lunch will begin for us at 11:40 on that day.

*MAPS testing will occur next WEDNESDAY (September 11th) for Reading. We will take the math test on the FOLLOWING Wednesday (September 18th). Please be sure that your child gets a good night's rest the night before, and has a brain-nourishing breakfast on each of these mornings. Also be sure that your child is on time to school, as we will begin as soon as everyone arrives in the classroom.

*Open House is next Wednesday, September 11th. You may drop in anytime between 6:00 and 7:00. You will have the opportunity to see your child's work in our classroom and in the hallway, and you may also visit Essential Arts classes and teachers.

Your child's homework will be YOUR first exposure to our new EUREKA Math program. You will find "Homework Helpers" correlated to each lesson. These, along with your child's prior knowledge of the activities based on class participation, should be enough to make things clear to you. If not, please email me and I'll see if I can help.

