

Classroom News

Week of March 2 - 6, 2020



Monday:

*We learned to "talk like a pirate" when we studied the "ar" sound present in our weekly spelling words. We discovered that the letter "r" is VERY BOSSY!!!

*We celebrated the birthday of Dr. Seuss by reading several of his most memorable books - and even a couple of his more obscure titles.

Tuesday:

*Finally! At recess, we enjoyed being OUTSIDE in the beautiful sunshine! We have SPRING FEVER for sure now! 😊

*Of course, clear skies have meant that we have been able to observe the MOON throughout this week. I hope that your child has been able to make several first-hand observations. Actually, we spied the moon today while we were on the playground!!!

Wednesday:

*We had a state-wide tornado drill. I have friends and family in Cookeville, Tennessee, so this one really and truly "hit home" with me - literally! ☹️

*We enjoyed another installment of "Junior Great Books" by discussing the sweet story of "Those Shoes" with Mrs. Lucas and Mrs. Abate.

Thursday:

*We turned our "first day of school" pictures (posters) into adorable leprechauns, and wrote about these leprechauns. Fun! Come to see these in our hallway!

Friday:

*CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT TODAY MARKED THE END OF OUR SECOND TRIMESTER??? Yep, we're two-thirds of the way through our year in First Grade! (You will get progress reports again next Friday.) According to our daily "calendar math" observations, we have only 52 days of school remaining! Whoa! So much to do!

Coming up this Spring:

*More observations of the moon, and more investigations into the MOON, the SUN, and STARS

*Field trip to the Rauch Planetarium on Monday, March 23rd! Turn in forms and money ASAP, please!

*A "virtual field trip" to AFRICA! And . . . your child's first RESEARCH PROJECT of his/her school career!

*Spring Break! I know!! So soon???

*Three more STEM Labs - March, April, and May!

*More Junior Great Books and Art Discovery lessons, and another "Anchor Academy Day"

*Field trips to Stage One Children's Theater (April 9th), the Kentucky Derby Museum (April 13th), and The Parklands at Floyd's Fork (May 14th)

*Performance by "Madcap Puppets" (here at school) on April 28th

*Our K-1st Mini-Derby on Wednesday, April 29th - be sure to mark your calendars now!!!

*Spring MAPS testing - probably in early May just after Derby

*Our class "end of year" celebration on Friday, May 22. HOLY COW! We'd better get busy planning THAT!!! ☺

*Field Day - sometime that last week of school (?)

(I'm sure that I've forgotten something! It will be a busy springtime!)