

February 20, 2015

Dear parents,

Today was a beautiful day outside. The kids really enjoyed getting outside for all recesses! Me too!! I am crossing my fingers that the nice weather stays, at least nice enough to go outside. ☺

This week in language arts we completed our unit on the weather. During this unit the students learned how to make predictions when reading, determine what is important when reading, and how to segment words-say all the sounds in the word, cat /c/ /a/ /t/. They also learned about the letter li short and long. We started talking about words that begin with the /j/ sound. Sight words have been number words and so far the students have learned number words up to six, including zero. We will learn up to the number ten. Next week's unit is called The Mighty Sun. The students will learn about the sun.

During math this week the students continued with the measurement unit, focusing on weight. The students had to compare the weight of a water bottle to objects around the room. They had to decide if these things were heavier or lighter than their water bottle. On Thursday and Friday the students made a balance out of a shoebox lid, soup can, and play dough. They had to find things around the room that would balance. Ask them about it! They loved it!! Next week the students will use real balances to find things that balance and how much something weighs using nonstandard units of measurement (counting bears). I foresee them really enjoying this as well!

Please remember that this Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> is a 1:30 early out and there is no school on Thursday and Friday for kindergarten only. We have kindergarten round-up these two days. Snack calendar came home so please be sure to look that over and remember to send in snack on your child's snack day. That is all for now. ☺

Have a great weekend!

Mrs. Hamm ☺