



February 21, 2020

Dear Kindergarten Parents,

This has been a different week in our kindergarten room since we have no more Letter People to meet. We have, however, been learning that CVC words have short vowel sounds and CVCe words have long vowel sounds. We have specifically focused on the vowel /a/ this week. For example if we take /can/ and add an e to the end it becomes /cane/. We did this with several words trying apply that rule and learn how to read words with the CVCe format. Some of the boys and girls still need extra help with this so practice at home if you have a chance. Next week we will do the same with the letter /i/ and in the weeks to come the letters /o/ and /u/. The rest of our year we will be focusing on actual reading and writing of sentences and books. There are several students who need to work on sight words over and over to become fluent readers. Your child should practice these words every night. They are the ones you cut off the homework every week and place in the baggie. PLEASE practice with your child to help him/her better prepare themselves for first grade. To go along with the short /a/ sound we created another class book entitled *An Animal Alphabet* in which the students used watercolor paints to paint animals in the alphabet from A to Z. We also read the chapter book *Junie B. Jones Loves Handsome Warren*. That book is a hoot! See if your child can tell you anything about the plot of the story. This is good retell practice!

This week our engaging reader was *George Washington An Adventure In Courage*. We worked all week learning lots of important facts about our first president, George Washington. We developed good schema and created a

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chart of fun facts about George Washington. We also read *George Washington America's first President* and watched three short video clips about this great man and his place in history. On Thursday we made a George Washington wand and we waved it to the song "Beat the Drum for George Washington". If you want to honor him, why not have some good old cherry pie, cherry cheesecake or even a cherry turnover tomorrow, February 22nd!

In math class this week we continued topic 9 learning our numbers from 11-20. Lots of the students in the class know these numbers well because we play number BINGO and have a mystery number game every morning during skill building time. This week we covered the skills of counting and writing 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20. Practice using these numbers at home and let your child show you if he/she knows these numbers.

On Thursday of this week we sent home an order form for yearbooks. I noticed a couple laying around the room later that day so I am guessing not everyone got home with the form. If you want to order a yearbook you need to request an order form from the office. The deadline for yearbook orders is March 2nd.

Dates ahead:

Thursday, February 27thSpring Pictures
Monday, March 2ndYearbook forms Due
Tuesday, March 10thReal Men Read (Zack's Alligator)
Mon. March 23-fri. March 27thSpring Break NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, March 31stPTO Meeting in Library 6:00

Everyone have a happy weekend!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Rissler ☺