



April News



Mrs. VanArsdel's Class

April 7-11

Our Class Website: www.vanarsdelkindergarten.weebly.com

A Peek At Our Week

- Our sight word for the week was "big". We also practiced the words "little" & "give". We see the words "little" & "give" in our reading series and many of our guided reading books. Keep practicing at home!
- We practiced deleting the initial and final sound in words (say the word "fit" without the /f/ and say the word "yes" without the /s/).
- We built the -ut family (but, cut, hut, etc.).
- Our shared reading activities focused on identifying the details in a story.
- We are reviewing writing numbers on lined paper in handwriting. This week we focused on the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6.
- In writer's workshop we have been learning about sentence fluency. We learned that writing fluently means writing sentences of different lengths. This gives the piece an easy to listen to sound from beginning to end. We also learned that writers use different words to start each sentence. This makes the writing sound interesting, not robotic, and gives it a pleasing rhythm.
- We continued Topic 13 "Money" in math. This week we focused on the dime and quarter. Keep practicing identifying the penny, nickel, dime & quarter and the value of each coin with your child at home. The more your child practices, the more confident he/she will be!
- We have been working on Unit 5 "National Symbols" in Social Studies. We learned about many of our nation's symbols including the eagle, the American flag and the Statue of Liberty. We also discussed how we celebrate our country.

Reminders and Looking Ahead

- There will be no school on Friday, April 18th and Monday, April 21st.
- School will dismiss at 1:00 on Wednesday, May 7th.
- The PTO carnival is Friday, April 25th.
- Our End of Year Celebration and Kindergarten Awards will be Tuesday, May 20th from 2:00-3:00 in our classroom. An invitation and RSVP will be sent home at a later date. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend!
- Our kindergarten picnic will be Monday, May 12th. This picnic is for kindergarten students and their teachers only, so no parent volunteers are needed. A permission slip will be sent home in the next few weeks.
- Friday, May 16th is our school-wide field day!
- The last day of school is Thursday, May 22nd 11:45 dismissal.

Have a wonderful weekend!