



April News



Mrs. VanArsdel's Class

March 31-April 4

Our Class Website: www.vanarsdelkindergarten.weebly.com

A Peek At Our Week

- Our sight word for the week was "and". We also practiced the word "there". We see the word "there" in our reading series and many of our guided reading books. Keep practicing at home!
- We practiced identifying the word in a group of words that has a different initial, middle or final sound.
- We reviewed the vowel Uu (identify & letter sound).
- We built the -un family (bun, fun, run, etc.)
- We have been working on segmenting the sounds in words with beginning & ending blends and also reading words with beginning & ending blends (example: nest, black, crab, drum, etc.)
- Our shared reading activities focused on making a graphic organizer to understand and remember a nonfiction story. We also have been working on making text-to-self connections (connecting the text to our own life experiences) and text-to-text connections (connecting the text to another text).
- We have been practicing writing sentences in our "Daily Writing Book" for handwriting. We will take our "Daily Writing Book" home with us at the end of the school year.
- We began Topic 13 "Money" in math. This week we focused on the penny and nickel. Keep practicing money with your child at home! He/she can practice identifying the penny, nickel, dime & quarter and the value of each coin.
- We have been working on Unit 4 "Our Earth" in Social Studies. Last week we learned about maps, map keys and globes. This week we focused on different habitats found on Earth. We learned about some of the animals and plants found in the forests, plains, mountains and oceans. We also learned about some of the Earth's resources and how people can conserve resources.

Reminders and Looking Ahead

- No school on Friday, April 18th and Monday, April 21st.
- I sent home an orange paper yesterday about a special book I am creating as an end of year gift for the kindergartners. Please be sure to fill out the form with four important things about your child, circle the most important one out of the four and return the form by next Friday, April 11th. Thank you for your help with this!
- Spanish square # 3 is due Monday, April 7th.
- Book orders were sent home yesterday. These are due next Wednesday, April 9th. You can order online at www.scholastic.com (class activation code: GQFMH) or send the order form and a check, made out to Scholastic, to school.
- Our End of Year Celebration and Kindergarten Awards will be Tuesday, May 20th in our classroom. The other kindergarten teachers and I are still working out the times, so I will send home the exact time next week. I will also send home an invitation and RSVP in the next few weeks. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend!

Have a wonderful weekend!