

Waincott Weekly



February 12, 2016

With all the snow and cold weather I know many of you are ready to travel out of here. This has been a great first half of the year and the students and I look forward to continuing the trend moving towards June. It has been a bit of a mixed up week due to the snow days and late arrivals but the children have responded beautifully. This week in lieu of starting a new story I opted to teach the children about President's Day and two important Presidents in our history; George Washington, and Abraham Lincoln. We have read stories about both, watched videos, worked on K-W-L charts to check for understanding, and also created written pieces that they have shared with the rest of the class. In Math the kids are wrapping up multiplication and 2 digit addition. When we return from break they will begin to tackle division and subtraction. It will be a bit of a long road ahead because they will experience some struggle. It is so important that they continue to practice their facts at home as well as at school. The science lesson this week was quite enjoyable for me and the students. We have been studying animal life cycles and species for the past few weeks. This week we finally had a chance to learn about fossils and how they are formed. The science lab component of the lesson was the most exciting. The children each received a "fossil dig sample" of their own and they had to work at revealing the dinosaur fossils hidden within. They had a chance to experience the thrill and patience that a paleontologist would have at an actual site. They all finally exposed the dinosaur bones and they should have brought them home to share with you. In this weekend's folder I will be returning many graded papers please look through these with your children and reinforce the understanding of my comments to help remind them to practice the necessary skills for their success. On a final note the website is up and running please check daily as I have put in several blogs, discussions, and the weekly homework along with resources for you and your child. I hope you all have an amazing week with your families, enjoy!

-Mark

What a crazy end of last week and beginning to this week. Winter has certainly come our way. The children have had a fun and exciting week amidst all the change in routine. We completed our study of animal habitats with a culminating group project. The students were broken up into groups and then choose a habitat to research. They created a visual and oral presentation which was given to the class. They did an amazing job. The Rainbow Fish are continuing to work on their own particular research of an animal. They will be publishing them in powerpoint and presenting to the class later on. They are all very excited about the process. The Guppies read a story called, Pam Pig incorporating the letter sounds and sight words that they have been working on. Please continue to read with them each night. In Math the first graders worked with place value of tens and ones. The Guppies practiced their addition and subtraction concepts as well as numbers 0-20. In Social Studies we read and listened to stories about George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Each student was able to recall one fact about each President that we will use in group presentation. It was wonderful to see the children work together and collaborate to create their projects.

Have a wonderful and safe winter break!

Kelly



REMINDER
School Closed
February 15th - 19th for
Mid Winter Recess
Enjoy the Break!



Students of the Week

Meadow
Osborn

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Melissa
Munoz

