

# Wainscott Weekly

April 8, 2016

Well April has come in as quickly as March has left. The children are really moving along in their studies and as usual we have many adventures ahead of us. This week we had our stories in reading, but the children really seemed to enjoy our Social Studies stories. We have started to learn about different cultures around the world and how they may differ from ours. Many of the kids have related their own experiences to what we are reading which tells me that they are truly engaged. We watched videos of schools in Japan and in Ghana, Africa. The students were amazed to see how different these schools were from what they know here. Be sure to ask them about it they should have some interesting things to tell you. For our science lesson we are starting to learn about the solar system and space. This too is fun and engaging for them. My hope is that they will memorize the planets and their order of orbit from the sun. This week we also had the third grade common core testing for ELA and next week we will have the testing for Math. This did change the schedule a bit but the second graders did very well in my absence. In two weeks we plan on having an Earth Day fair hosted by Mrs. Karlbach. I would also like to thank Mrs. Renna for her hard work and dedication to the 2nd-3rd grade circus. I was extremely impressed by how well they did and I know how proud you must all be. Have a wonderful weekend and lets hope for some nicer weather.

-Mark



We have had a great week of learning. It is exciting to see the children's expressions when they realize they have accomplished something new. The Guppies have completed all the letters in the alphabet and numerous sight words this year. It is essential to review the letters and their sounds every night. Please practice the popcorn words daily. Take a few and put cards around the room and have your child find and read them. Make sentences using the cards. Fluency will increase with more exposure to the reading process. Please make a point of reading the textbook each night to build confidence. The Rainbow Fish and Belugas worked with spelling and sight words from our stories. Many of you have done Raz-Kids on a daily basis but there are still some who have not completed at least 15 minutes each night. This is part of their homework when I do not send home the journals. The more reading your child experiences the more comprehension and fluency they will have. In Science we read a book and saw a video on the season of spring as we explore weather. We discussed what clothing, activities, and weather we experience during the Spring. Congratulations to Coach Renna, and the 2nd and 3rd graders on a great circus performance!

Have a great weekend!

Kelly



## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



**Shelby Casey  
and  
Daniel Lupercio**

