

Wainscott Weekly

November 4, 2016

What a wonderful week this has been. We started it off with a Halloween celebration. Mrs. Yusko and I developed some fun Halloween themed learning centers for the students. They all seemed to enjoy the activities. We then were joined by so many parents for our annual parade down Main Street. It was warming to see such an excellent turnout as well as all the smiling faces on the children. It was a nice touch this year to introduce some trick or treating to the trip, and we thank those parents who were able to help us with that.

I thought it would be a difficult transition to get back to work the next day but the kids did just fine. We had a chance to read stories about the beginnings of The United States of America and work with the ipads to learn the vocabulary for the unit. In math we continued with place value for second grade and for third we are still working with charts and data. As some of you may have noticed the homework has been centered around the election process and the processes of our democracy. The students will have the opportunity to vote on fictitious candidates next Monday in our very own mock election.

We also had the chance to take a trip to WHB PAC to see the *Ugly Duckling*. It was a wonderful show and everyone enjoyed it including the teachers. We hope to visit there again in the future. The forecast looks promising for the weekend ahead so please enjoy.

Welcome to November! I would like to thank Olivia's grandmother for being our first mystery reader. The children really enjoyed her read aloud and learned many great things about animals in Australia. I will contact you at least a week ahead of time if you have signed up to be a mystery reader. Thanks again for your support as the children really seemed to enjoy the surprise. The Kindergarteners will be getting an additional daily homework activity. The pages have sections that are marked with Day 1, Day 2, Day 3 etc. Only do the activity for that day. For example, Monday is Day 1, Tuesday is Day 2, etc. Each activity reinforces the prior's day activity so please do not do them all at once. They are simple, quick activities but are important to building letter, sound, and word fluency. Next week is another crazy one as we have off on Tuesday and Friday. It is so essential that your children read daily to increase fluency and comprehension which leads to strong confident readers. In Science we learned about the varying environments that plants and animals co-exist in. We will be working on group projects involving various environments. Please practice math facts with the first graders daily as this will help them with the more complex concepts. The children had a fun time and enjoyed the play, *The Ugly Duckling*. We compared different versions of the story via the play, book and video. The children were able to identify similarities and differences between them. It was a wonderful learning experience.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Kelly

REMINDER!!!

NO SCHOOL

Tuesday,
November 8th
and
Friday,
November 11th

Students of the Week

Shelby Casey

and

Samantha

Valladares

