~~Wainscott Weekly~

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Usually the transition back from a week off is very difficult but I believe the students handled it very well. We had a slow start to the week but rebounded back to where we left off. This week we celebrated our 100th day of school. I still can't believe how fast this year is going. During reading time the Giants were reading "The Extra Good Sunday", a funny story about a girl and her sister cooking family dinner. They have quite the adventure and the group really enjoyed it. The Jets/Bills group read another funny story about a police officer and his trickster dog called, "Officer Buckle and Gloria," Both stories were very amusing. In Math we will be moving at a quicker pace. It is so important that the kids study their facts again and again. The repetition will help their sight words found on their weekly spelling lists. I them remember making it so much easier for them to progress. Our main focus in Science has been weather. The children are learning about all kinds of weather and are filling in a daily chart so that we can monitor the changes in weather. They will also be working on learning about the water cycle and the different types of clouds and what to expect when they are overhead. Since February is Black History Month, Mrs. Yusko and I decided to teach the students about Jackie Robinson and his contributions not only to baseball but also to racial equality. We finished the lessons with a video using a green screen and iMovie technology. It was so enjoyable and the movie came out very nice. I am currently trying to upload it to the website; hopefully I will be able to figure it out. Next Wednesday is Dr. Seuss' birthday so we will do some learning activities involving him as a theme and we also ask that the children wear their pajamas to school. I hope you all had a great week back, enjoy the weekend!

We had a fabulous week! On Wednesday we celebrated our 100 days in school. The children did a wonderful job on their projects and are looking forward to sharing them with the class. As part of our celebration we worked in groups to create a sculptor using 100 cups. Their creations are displayed in the front hallway. We created 100 day crowns using our 10 facts as we counted 100 objects. It was a fun day for all. The Guppies worked with new popcorn words and read the story "Will It Be Big". It is very important that they read each night. We also worked with the letters Kk and Hh as initial sounds in words and pictures. The Belugas have worked with spelling concepts like /oa/ and /ow/ as medial sounds in words such as boat and snow. The Rainbow Fish worked with the spelling skill /oo/ /ew/ as a medial sound in words and pictures. Please practice would like to encourage the students to do RAZ-KIDS each night. The more your child is exposed to the reading process the more fluent and confident they will become. I can check on their progress through this program. In math, the Guppies are working on identifying numbers 0-100 while the Rainbow Fish and Belugas continued with place value of tens and ones. In Science we began our unit on weather starting with winter.

On Wednesday March 2nd we will be celebrating Dr. Seuss' Birthday and the children are invited to come to school in their pajamas. We will still be going swimming so please bring their swim items.

Have a great weekend!

Kelly

UPCOMING EVENTS February 29th: Tumblebus March 1st: Board Meeting March 2nd: Pajama Day & Swimming

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