

Wainscott Weekly

February 3, 2017

This week we entered into February. It is hard to imagine that the students have been in the second and third grades for five months already. Tuesday marked our halfway point and I am confident that the students are almost right where they need to be academically. Socially some need to continue working on following directions as well as being more organized with their time. In writer's workshop this week the kids have been working on the writing process with work on a piece about being stuck inside of a snow globe. It is fascinating to hear the different versions of a story such as this. They are publishing their work using the typing feature on the iPads and they are doing very well. We will display the finished products in the hallway. If you have a chance and you are in the building in the next few weeks stop by and take a look. I have also been happy with the improvements I see in their math. The concepts they are learning are challenging but they do not give up. Some have even gone as far as to ask for more work to practice over the weekend. This dedication will pay dividends in their future studies. Lastly we had a chance to work briefly on the legend of the groundhog, they all got a kick out of the video of Puxatony Phil from Pennsylvania. Hopefully the spring will be here sooner than later and we can all enjoy some outside time. Have a wonderful weekend.

-Mark

NEXT WEEK

2/6/17 - DARE & Yoga

2/7/17 - Guild Hall

2/8/17 - Swimming

2/9/17 - blokSpot

I can't believe we are in February already. The groundhog Punxsutawny Phil did see his shadow so he predicts 6 more weeks of winter. However, Staten Island Chuck did not see his shadow so Spring is around the corner. I hope Chuck is right! We read some fun books about different groundhogs and their adventures on February 2nd. In Science we are exploring objects in our sky. We learned about the sun, moon and shadows. We integrated our knowledge about shadows when we talked about the groundhog seeing or not seeing his shadow. In math the Kindergarteners are working with addition and subtraction of basic facts. Practice this concept at home. The First Graders have been working with fact families by writing both addition and subtraction equations using related facts. I have sent home a word list that your child should practice daily and when they know all the words fluently please sign and return one half on the paper. A new list will go home each week after your children is successful with the one before. Please read the passages each night even if your child is familiar with the passage as this builds confidence and fluency. **Just a reminder that the 100th Day Project is due on Monday, February 13th Have Fun! Please remember to visit Guild Hall to see the wonderful and amazing art projects that the children have created this year.**

Have a great weekend!

Kelly



Students of the Week

Marjorie Hansen

and

Mariano Quihui

