## Wainscott Weekly

March 17, 2017

The weather seems to be putting a damper on the push into spring but you would never know from the amount of drive the students have had. Another spirit week is behind us. It was so nice to see so many of you participating. This week we continued with the stories from last week. We have also worked on writing comparisons between text and some students created posters that are on display towards the exit for the playground. In math the second grade are working with counting money while the third graders are practicing fractions. I have decided to get away from simple calculation but please continue to work on their facts. Science will begin to explore the days of the dinosaurs. We had our first mini-lesson and now we are ready to read more about the dinosaurs periods of time. I have many activities planned for this unit so keep an eye out when the weekend folders go home. Finally on Thursday we had a wonderful visit from my childhood friend and New York State trooper; Officer Gargiulo and his partner K-9 Officer T.J.. He explained how they trained to become partners as well as some of the daily responsibilities of the job. The children seemed to really enjoy it. The beginning of next week we will have parent teacher conferences so remember there will be early dismissal on those days. I hope that we can meet to discuss all of the great progress we have been making here at school. Have a nice weekend and Happy St. Patrick's Day!

-Mark

I can't believe Spring is around the corner, yet we have had such cold days lately. We had a great SPIRIT WEEK! The children were so excited to celebrate their favorite teams, wear crazy mismatch clothes, come to school in PJs and wear green for St. Patrick's Day. We read several stories about St. Patrick's Day both fiction and nonfiction. We worked in groups and used our imaginations and creativity to make traps for the leprechaun. They really had some amazing ideas and creations. Unfortunately, the little mischievous leprechaun eluded our capture. We will try again next year. In our writing workshop we wrote "how to" stories depicting the process of creating our traps. In math, we skip counted by 5s and 10s to gather data for our bar graphs. In Science, we continued our study of dinosaurs. We are learning about how they protected themselves from other dinosaurs. Please remember to practice your sight word lists and return them signed when your child has mastered them. Reading every night to and with your child will help to build fluency.

Have a great weekend!

Kelly

## IMPORTANT REMINDER

11:00 AM Dismissal Monday, March 20th & Tuesday, March 21st for Parent-Teacher Conferences.

Conferences are from 11:30 - 3:00

