

# Wainscott Weekly

May 19, 2017

This week I decided to try something new during reading. Instead of using our weekly stories I decided to work with chapter books and literature circles. The children are responding very well and I believe that the books that I chose are being enjoyed. The second grade group are reading *The Candy Corn Contest* by Patricia Reilly Giff; which is a story of a child who wants to read better in order to win more guesses at obtaining the candy corn jar. The third grade group are reading *Geronimo Stilton: Lost Treasure of The Emerald Eye* By Elisabetta Dami; a story of a mouse world where the family business has changed from newspaper to treasure hunting. Both of these stories have been amusing in their own ways. We will continue working with them for the next few weeks. During math time we are focused on geometry and data charts. Science this week found its way outside in the form of a scavenger hunt. The kids had a blast looking for clues to answers about plants. *Time For Kids* was the inspiration for the social studies lesson this week. The article was about recycling soap bars from hotels and giving the new bars to children in Cambodia. The children were so surprised that grown children did not know anything about hygiene. They had difficulty understanding the poverty that is evident in other countries. You may have also noticed that homework has had handwriting assigned. I am not teaching the handwriting during class time but thought it would be nice to expose the children to it. It is merely for them to practice the letters and if they would like more I can go over it with them during free time, please explain that they don't need to stress.

The trip to the game farm was great! The weather was nice and sunny and the children had a chance to experience the entire park including the rides, animals, show, and the lunch. We have busy weeks ahead with the spring show being at the forefront. Next Friday will be an emergency drill early dismissal at 1:00 pm. Have a great weekend and enjoy this lovely weather. - Mark

It was great to see the sun shining once again. The children have been working hard on preparing for our Spring Show next Thursday. They are wonderful singers, dancers, actors and set designers. Please remember to practice your child's lines as part of their homework next week. Encourage them to speak loudly and slow down. Just a reminder to have your child wear matching top and bottom as part of their costume. We will provide the rest. In Reading, the First Graders read a story about having a pet. In writing workshop they choose any animal that they would like to have as a pet. Some of them were quite interesting. Some of the Kinders are researching about a specific sea animal. They were very excited to learn new things about their animal. They will be creating a poster to display their information. The other Kinder group is working on fluency as we read a story with short /e/ CVC words. It is so important to read with your child every night. In Science we are continuing to work with living vs. nonliving things in our environment. We will begin plants and seeds very soon as we prepare our garden. In Social Studies we talked about American symbols and their importance to our country. The First Graders have been working with time to the hour and half hour. Let them tell you the time as practice. The Kinders have been working with 3D shapes in our world. Have them identify cylinders, cones, cubes, spheres, and pyramids in their world.

Have a great weekend! - Kelly

## REMINDER.....

Thursday, May 25th - Spring Show at Noon

Friday, May 26th - 1:00 pm Dismissal - Emergency Go Home Drill

Monday, May 29th - No School - Memorial Day



# Students of the Week

Carmen McCulley

and

David Lupercio

