BEAR FACTS February 9, 2024

Happy Friday! I hope everyone has been enjoying their week, especially the warmer weather. Thank you for your patience this week as I was unable to be at school Tuesday and Wednesday. Thank you to Mrs. Hill, Ms. Kathy, and Ms. Kern for filling in and taking care of the class. I truly appreciate all of your help.

This week we learned about the letter R. We worked hard on writing “R” and “r” correctly on our lined paper. Our new sight words are **to, off,** **play**, and **this.** There is also the third “Read These Words” coming home today on the left side of your child’s Friday folder. Please have your child read the words and sentences, sign the bottom, and return by the following Wednesday. Thanks!

\*\*\*\*I will not be sending Books in a Bag home next week. With Valentine’s Day and the 100th Day, I will just be sending a new letter paper home on Tuesday.

In Math, we continued using ten frames when counting. We will move onto double ten frames here in the next few weeks. We also played another round of Musical Chairs, this time with ten frames. They have a set of ten items and a ten frame at their seat and have to make the correct number on the given ten frame. They clear their paper of the items for the next child. We did this many times to music, and the kids had an absolute blast with it!

We also did a few “Listen and Do” worksheets you will see in today’s folder. We are working extra hard at being good listeners and following directions when they are given. For each of the worksheets, the directions were given two times orally, and then your child was to do that given direction, whether it was to color, circle, draw, etc. what they were asked. Most of these were done with hardly any being missed. That is a wonderful accomplishment! I was very pleased with how well the children did on this activity!

**Happy Sacks** will come home next week with **Jayden, Jamour, Jada, and Jackson.** We are looking for something that starts with the **letter S**. We can’t wait to see the fun things you will be bringing to class!

Congratulations to **Books Read to Me** certificate earners **Alana** and **Jackson** with **350** books, **Akosua** with **250**, and **Jamour** with **100**! That is an amazing job! Keep it up!

Happy 6th birthday to **Rylee** and Happy 5 ½ birthday to **Althea!** Thank you to both girls for the delicious cupcakes! We enjoyed them a lot! God’s blessings to the both of you!

The **100th Day** **of School** will be celebrated next T**hursday, February 15th.** We have lots of fun activities planned for that day! Hopefully the kids will have a day to remember. I am asking that they bring 100 pieces of cereal for snack. It can be brought to school that day in a bag or container. I will provide the milk, spoons, and bowls. Your child is more than welcome to dress up that day like they are 100 years old, or wear a special 100th Day of School shirt. This is not required, rather just a fun thing for your child to do if you choose to do so.

Also a reminder that the **Valentine’s Day Party will be Tuesday, February 13th**, due to Ash Wednesday falling on the 14th. A class list of names, as well as a pink paper explaining that day was sent home a few weeks ago. I sent an extra copy home yesterday as well. Please make sure to bring a decorated box or bag to school that day for your child’s valentine cards to be placed in. Also, please make sure your child fills out a valentine card for each student in class. We have 20 students in Kindergarten.

**$5.00 for the Trivia Night basket is due next Friday, February 16th**. Our theme is Gardening. Thanks in advance!

**February 20-23 will be Lutheran Schools Week.** There are assemblies planned, as well as some projects we will be working on in class. We are partnered with 5th graders to put together a skit that portrays the Fruits of the Spirit that we were assigned ( ours are Joy and Gentleness). We practiced with 5th Grade this week, and it went very well. This skit will be recorded and posted on Class Dojo sometime during Lutheran Schools Week. We will also be putting together a presentation about a culture within a country. We will begin to work in small booklets about Mexico. I will divide our class into 3 groups for our presentation, each being assigned to one of the three– Music, Food, and Worshiping God. We have a few costumes and props we will be using as well. The students are very excited for this day!

Continued prayers are always welcome for Mrs. Eggers. Her recovery is going well and we hope to see her back soon! Thanks to Mrs. Ryals for all of her help she gives us during the week as well! Have a wonderful weekend, and I look forward to next week. Have a great time if you are enjoying the Super Bowl with family and friends!

Blessings,

Amy Washburn