September 18, 2015

Dear families,

It was wonderful to see so many of you at curriculum night.  If you were unable to make it, please access our class website through the school’s webpage and you can find all of the information there.  I am always happy to answer any questions you may have.

We have had a busy and unusual week, with our first assembly, pictures, and reading boost beginning.  In reading workshop we worked on setting reading goals and building stamina.  Children began using a tool called a reading mat to help them keep track of the books they are reading.  We also began science notebooks to collect data on our caterpillars.  We practiced making predictions, observations, drawing diagrams (with labels), and asking questions.  In math we continued our daily number sheet, and began working with number bonds.  Children are currently enjoying our read aloud My Father’s Dragon.  Ask them about the clever ways Elmer (the boy) tricks the animals into letting him go.

Next week in word work we will continue our focus on digraphs (th, ch, sh, ck and wh).  Children will work to spell words where digraphs are found at the end of the word (wish, luck, math, etc).  Our sight words are:

**mom, dad, for, like, look, not, play, big, as, off**

Children are encouraged to practice these words at home, and will be assessed on Friday.

**Dates to remember:**

**No School Wednesday September 23 Yom Kippur**

**Field Trip to Shelburne Farms Tuesday September 29 (9-2) Cost: $10**

Today we were able to have morning meeting outside.  The children are truly learning how to be learners in an outdoor space.  I am looking forward to our continued work outside.  Thank you to Aiden and Lydia’s families for helping to supply headphones for our class computers and ipads.  We greatly appreciate your generosity.

Enjoy your last summer weekend!

Brooke King

September 11, 2015

Dear families,

We have had another wonderful week.  I am sure you have heard the exciting news by now….WE HAVE MONARCH CATERPILLARS!   We have spent this week thinking and working like scientists.  We have made observations, asked questions, and recorded our work.  We will continue this for the next several weeks.

This week we continued to build good reading habits, and will begin reading groups next week.  In word work we worked on spelling CvC words such as cat, fit, met, and many more.  We also practiced our sight words in a variety of ways and took our first spelling test today (as a practice).  In writing we continued writing our “What am I” books and worked on writing habits as well.

In math we are practicing building numbers in a variety of ways, as well as working with number sentences and bonds.

Our sight words for next week are:

**the, and, was, can, yes, no, see, you, day, got**

We are still building community and routines through a variety of games and activities.  We introduced class jobs this week as well.  Next week we will begin share.  Each child will have a share day and a topic for the week.  If applicable they may bring in something from home that fits the theme.  Please do not send in anything valuable or precious.  Next week’s topic is: **My family**.

**Monday: Aiden, Emma-Rose, Max**

**Tuesday: Lydia, Damien, Brooke**

**Wednesday: Brianna, Carter, Henry**

**Thursday: Geneva, Aden, Kaung**

**Friday: Taylor, Stevi, Colton, Evan**

On a final note, Thank you to Max and his mother Dana for donating a stool to our classroom.  Everyone can now safely reach the drinking fountain.  We are still looking for 8 pairs of headphones for technology time in our class.

Dates to remember:

**Picture Day and Curriculum Night Thursday September 17**

**No School Wednesday September 23**

**Shelburne Farms Field Trip Tuesday September 29**

Many thanks for all you do.

Brooke King