

Greetings, Room 13 Families!

Happy weekend! Apologies for the delayed email...last week was a bit busy. Here's a quick update for the week of 3/10-3/14.

Open House: Thank you so much for taking the time to check out Room 13 during Open House. It is always nice to visit with you in person, and I enjoyed seeing the kids' enthusiasm to show off their knowledge. I very much appreciate your support.

Lost Camera Battery: After the Open House fun, I found a camera battery on the rug. Is anyone missing theirs?

Collaboration Day: The teachers will have a collaboration meeting again this Friday. Please make arrangements for the special schedule, 8:10-12:50.

Dr. Seuss Breakfast: We had a fun time eating green eggs and ham last week. A huge thanks to the parent volunteers who made it all happen! Check out the Shutterfly website for a ton of great pictures.

Field Trip: The 6th graders did a fantastic job with their Pinocchio production last week. The 1st graders had several opinions to share when we returned to school. If you haven't asked them about it yet, have them retell the story to you or describe their favorite characters.

Mr. Zach: As you saw in the Golden Folders, Mr. Zach is seeking your input on an anonymous survey for his work at APU. Thanks to those who quickly returned it. If you still have your survey, please help support Mr. Zach's studies by completing and returning it as soon as you can.

Monthly Oral Presentations: This week, we heard from Danica, Eli, Isaac, Isabel, Nathan, Katherine, Kelsey and Maeve. Topics included leprechauns, figure skating, queens, rainbows, the sun, families, and the Mars Rover. I am noticing so much growth in speaking skills compared to October. The schedule for the rest of March is as follows:

Tuesday, 3/18: Jack

Wednesday, 3/19: Marcelo, Max, Mia B

Friday, 3/21: Nathan, Sophia B, Sophia S, Tait

Tuesday, 3/25: Benny

See <http://firstgradewithmrsbeyer.weebly.com/> for the presentation schedule and details.

Volunteer Opportunities: Check out the volunteer sign-ups at <https://mrsbeyersfirstgrade201314.shutterfly.com/>.

Language arts: This week we wrapped up our Unit 5 assessment. We reviewed compound words, adjectives, verbs, and alphabetical order. We read several leprechaun stories and even wrote our own.

Math: We used our knowledge of money to help solve word problems. We started our unit on time, telling time to the hour and half hour.

Science/Social Studies: Mrs. Zooi led us in lessons about Kelso's Choices. We talked about big problems that require the help of a grownup. We also discussed some options to help us with small problems, such as talking it out and walking away.

Specials: Mrs. Pahk read The Luckiest Leprechaun. Mrs. Bentz helped us explore Starfall. We practiced previously learned songs with Mr. Wulff. A big "special" was seeing the 6th graders perform Pinocchio. Another big "special" was hearing Kate Hansen speak about her Olympic adventure, eating right, and being kind during a special spirit rally on Friday.

Important dates:

- Friday, Mar. 21: Collaboration Day (8:10-12:50), Spirit Rally (9:35, Lower Playground)
- Tuesday, Mar. 25: Spring Picture Day, Site Council Meeting (3:15)
- Thursday, Mar. 27: Dads' Committee Meeting (7:00pm, MPR)
- Monday-Friday, Mar.31-Apr. 4: Spring Break (No school)
- Wednesday, Apr. 16: Caltech Play field trip, Multicultural Night (6:30pm, MPR)
- Friday, Apr. 18: Collaboration Day (8:10-12:50), Spirit Rally (9:35, Lower Playground)
- Saturday, Apr. 19: Beautification Day
- Friday, Apr. 25: Lunch on the Lawn
- Saturday, Apr. 26: Springamajig (11am-4pm)

As always, contact me with any questions.

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