

Greetings, Room 13 Families!

I hope you had a fantastic Spring Break! After some adjustment, we are back into our school rhythm at PCR. Here's a quick update for the week of 4/7-4/11.

iPad Lab visit: On Tuesday, we had an introductory lesson at PCR's iPad Lab. Students learned the basic rules and procedures for the lab, and then they got to explore the apps. We even made the paper:
<http://www.lacanadaonline.com/news/tn-vsl-me-labs-open-up-technology-to-la-canada-schools-20140409,0,3471971.story> . I look forward to visiting the lab again soon.

Field Trip: The Caltech field trip is next Wednesday. We will go to Beckman Auditorium to see Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day. Because of the early departure time, all 1st graders will be **ALL DAY BIRDS** (8:10-2:50). We will depart at 9:00am. Send a sack lunch with your child that day. No glass bottles, please.

Monthly Oral Presentations: This week, Ainsley, Amanda, and Benny presented Irish dancing, Earth Day recycling, and a music review. Top work!

The April presentation schedule is as follows:

4/11 Eli, Danica, Haven

4/15 Isaac, Isabel, Jack

4/18 Katherine, Kelsey, Maeve

4/23 Marcelo, Max, Mia B, Mia S

4/25 Nathan, Sophia B, Sophia S, Tait

See <http://firstgradewithmrsbeyer.weebly.com/> for additional information.

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

Language arts: We practiced the /n/ sound with a silent k (as in **knit** and **know**) and comparatives -er and -est (as in fast, faster, fastest). We also practiced using location words to give more information. For National Poetry Month, students are constructing their own Cinquain poems.

Math: We related solid shapes to plane shapes by tracing and identifying the plane shape on each face of the solid shape. We also used logical reasoning to answer some clues about plane and solid shapes. Lastly, we showed what we learned on the district 3rd quarter benchmark assessment. Tomorrow we will start our chapter on patterns.

Science/Social Studies: We put our knowledge of oceans, continents, countries, and states together to complete both a world map and a US map.

Specials: Mrs. Pahk read Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day in preparation for next week's field trip. Mrs. Blaney taught us how to

use and care for the iPads in the iPad lab. Mrs. Bentz helped us through another round of STAR testing. Mr. Wulff helped us practice songs for the upcoming Spring Concert.

Important dates:

-Wednesday, Apr. 16: Caltech Play field trip, Multicultural Night (6:30pm, MPR)

-Thursday, Apr. 17: Report Cards go home

-Friday, Apr. 18: Collaboration Day (8:10-12:45), Spirit Rally (9:35, Lower Playground)

-Saturday, Apr. 19: Campus Beautification Day

-Friday, Apr. 25: Lunch on the Lawn, Spring Concert (10:00-10:30, MPR)

-Saturday, Apr. 26: Springamajig (11am-4pm,

<https://pcr.ourschoolpages.com/Packet/Springamajig/SignInPacketPage/0>)

As always, contact me with any questions.

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