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# WEEKLYNEWS

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#### Dates at a Glance:

3/2-3/6 Ability Awareness Week

## **Upcoming Birthdays:**

Livia – March 5

Hannah Jane - Mar 8

Leo – March 20

Sienna - March 31

#### Homeplay:

Math game: Multiply by 4 (double the double)

Spelling: compound words

Reading Challenge: due Wed. by noon

WHN: 2 entries due Monday (if late, please still turn in on Tuesday to get sticker topics).

### Our Great Class —Heehaaaaw!

This time of year is so much fun because we have great synergy in our class, we're working really hard, and learning so much! Keep up the great work, everyone!



#### Ability Awareness Week

The goal of Ability Awareness Week is to teach students that everyone learns in different ways AND that not all things come easily to everyone. We all have challenges and we all have successes. Empathy and awareness are key.

And it promises to be an exciting week at Ada Harris. For the first time ever, we will be hosting "wheelchair basketball" at lunch on Tuesday. The point, of course, is that someone in a wheelchair can still play competitive sports in a wheel chair. And on Thursday, our campus will host therapy horses for the kids to experience if they want to. Hopefully, with our discussions about Helen Keller and these exciting, interactive

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#### **Maker Monday**

Our next Maker Monday cycle will be April 13 & 20.

#### **Inspirations:**

""Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see a shadow." ~Helen Keller

#### Writers Homeplay Notebooks

Most of the class is 'on fire' with their WHN, writing really fun and funny stories, sharing them with the class, and getting inspired by each other. So fun to see! Some kids even chose to write their own poems and stories in class last week when they had a few minutes to spare. Way to go, writers!

opportunities, it will help build empathy and understanding of those around us who are differently able.

#### **Learning About Helen Keller**

Second graders love to learn about the lives of people, both past and present, and learning about Helen Keller last week was a great segue into Ability Awareness this week. As one of the students pointed out in class, "It's important to understand that someone can develop their other senses even if they're missing one." Yes!



#### Assessments

To prepare for conferences in April, we've already started the assessment process. The kids worked hard to finish their math assessment last week and I'm so happy to see their growth and progress since November. Next week, we'll begin our Language Arts assessment, which will be sprinkled in between everything else we do.

Happy first week of March! - Ms. Boyesen