

WEEKLY NEWS

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Dates at a Glance:

Mar 9-13 Family
Balance Week

Mar 30-Apr 3 Parent/
Teacher/Student
Conference week

Upcoming Birthdays:

Leo – March 20

Sienna – March 31

Homeplay:

Math game: Fraction
Sort

Spelling: contractions

Reading Challenge:
due Wed. by noon

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



Good vs Bad Insects

In second grade, we learn about helpful and harmful insects. We'll start this week and spend the next few weeks learning about the unique characteristics and adaptations of insects. We'll especially focus on bees, ants, ladybugs, and grasshoppers. Later we'll continue with butterflies and metamorphosis.

Fractions in Math

We're starting fractions in math this week, learning names of fractions, how to say them, and how to write them. Fractions are all around us—food, parts of a group, in recipes. You can support your child by asking questions about fractions in your everyday life. "I cut your pancake into four parts. How much did you eat so far?" ($\frac{1}{4}$, one fourth)

Writer's Reflection Notebook

The kids did an AMAZING job with their reflections last Thurs. Can't wait to show you at conferences!

Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences

It's my intention to hold student-lead conferences this trimester. If you feel strongly that you don't want your child to be present and participate in the conference, please email me to let me know.

Inspirations:

"My advice to other disabled people would be, concentrate on things your disability doesn't prevent you doing well, and don't regret the things it interferes with. Don't be disabled in spirit as well as physically."

~ Stephen Hawking

Ability Awareness Week

Last week, we read some great books, watched inspirational videos, and had thought-provoking conversations about disabilities, both physical and mental. It seemed like the kids really loved having the wheelchair athletes on campus, as well as the therapy horses. This class is very empathetic and we're all clear that we need to get to know someone and their strengths before judging or even having an opinion.

Coding Dash and Dot Robots

Did your child come home and tell you about working with the Dash and Dot robots last week? Our tech integration specialist, Craig



Leach, taught an introductory lesson about programming these adorable robots. Many jobs in the near future will include some sort of coding/programming, and robotics—as well as teamwork—so it's important to expose young learners to coding and design challenges early on. Many of the kids met the robots last year in 1st grade, and will have the opportunity to build on their skills this year.

Have a wonderful week everyone! ~ Ms. Boyesen