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Hello Parents!

What a wonderful and action-packed week we had last week... From field trips to school plays we were a busy group. Here are the highlights:

Reading: we continued reviewing our consonants, this week the focus was on y, k, and v. CVC words continue to be reviewed as well and we focused on e. The new word wall words we added were do, for, me, and you. The stories we read were entitled, "Val Can Help," and "The Bunnies and the Fox." We also read a non-fiction article, "Woodland Animals."

Writing: capitalization, end marks, and spelling our word wall words correctly are the focus in writing. These are skills that the students will work on all year!

Math: we worked on the counting on strategy. The students are working on counting on from the greatest number in the equation. For example, if the equation was  $4+7$ , we hold 7 in our head and then count on four more... 8, 9, 10, 11. The students underline the greater number and then draw circles for the other number. This ensures that they count correctly. We also played some games to strengthen our addition skills.

On Monday, Jill and Betsy from Polly Hill came in to visit and we explored many different types of seeds. Ingrid was a great sport and dressed up as a tree. This allowed all of the students to see how many layers a tree has! On Friday we traveled to Polly Hill to see the trees up close and to look for different seeds. The students then sorted the seeds into categories of how they travel, either by animal or wind. It was chilly, but the students worked hard and had a good time seeing the trees the seeds came from!

We also got a sneak preview of the school play Friday afternoon. It was a bit of a tease and left the whole class wanting more.

Reminders:

1. If you are planning on sending in a treat for your child's birthday, I need to know what the snack will be 48 hours in advance. This allows for accommodations to be made for students with food intolerances.
2. We will not have school this Friday.
3. It is getting chilly out! If you would like to leave a pair of gloves/mittens and a hat in your child's cubby feel free.

Have a great week!

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