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Hello Parents!

Well winter made an appearance, but decided not to stick around... That is fine with me! Please make sure to check the weather, however, as the kiddos can get chilly on the playground. They are better off wearing more than less, as they can take layers off if they get hot.

We have been very busy in here for the last few weeks! Hopefully you have seen a lot of it coming home in your child's folder. Please be sure to keep checking and cleaning it out on a daily basis. Here is the rundown of our last few weeks: Literacy: we have spent two weeks focusing on one story. We did this to spend extra time on two very important spelling patterns. These two patterns are the magic e and digraphs (ch, sh, th, and wh). The story we read was called "Me on the Map." The class loved this story and it introduced us to the fun world of maps. The kids made different maps, we looked at different maps, and we had very interesting discussions about places all over the world. This is something you can continue at home. If you go off island, show them on a map where you are going! If you are somewhere that has a map (theme park, mall, museum, etc.) show them how to use it. I couldn't believe how excited they were about the maps!

In Math we have moved on to looking at numbers and what they mean. The class is learning new ways to show numbers and place values. Some of the new vocabulary they have learned is: decade numbers (20, 30, 40, etc), sticks and circles, tens place, and the ones place.

Here are some upcoming events and reminders:

1. We will be walking to the MV Museum this Friday. We will leave the school at 9:00 and return around 10:15. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the walk. It is only about a 5-minute walk, but you never know how chilly it could be! We will reschedule if it looks like rain!
2. If your child wears boots on Wednesday or Friday please be sure to send in a pair of sneakers with them so they can participate in Gym.
3. On Monday we send home the spelling list of the week. It is important your child practice these words throughout the week.
4. Report cards will go home this week. Please look for it on Friday in your child's folder.
5. Please be on the lookout later in the week for a reading log to come home with your child.

Have a fantastic week!

Megan McDonald 😊