I can’t believe that it is almost April☺ The weather is a mixed bag of “We just don’t know!”.  Last week it looked like winter gear was gone and mud season was beginning, but on a fast track to being over.  This week mother nature wanted to remind us not to get too comfortable. Please continue to send your children to school with proper playground attire.  Right now, that means snow pants, jackets (preferably with layers) hats and mittens.  We ask the kids to continue to wear boots until after April vacation and pack a pair of inside shoes to change into or keep here at school. This helps keep our floors clean.  The mud can get yucky outside, and we do not want to walk through it, or sit in it, during our learning time.

**What have we been doing?**

* **Writing:** We have been working on writing a book about an imaginary house we would love to build.  After reading “If I Built a House”, by Chris Van Dusen, the children have been asked to imagine their wildest home.  They are utilizing all the writing skills we have learned up to this point and putting it together in the process of writing this book.  They are using transition words, adjectives and learning how to write a story with a beginning, middle and end.  I am expecting them to write an opening sentence, multiple detailed sentences, and a closing sentence for each of the 6 rooms they will have in their houses.  Our story has a setting, characters, and lots of imagination!
* **Math:** We have been learning about coins; pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters. Each morning, the helper makes the daily number using coins while the rest of the class discusses an alternative way of doing it. We have also learned about non-standard and standard measurement. We continue to add and subtract single- and double-digit numbers, while working on building fluency.
* **Phonics-** We have learned about our “r” controlled vowels, or the bossy r vowels as we like to call them. We have learned “or”, “ar” and our triplets, “er,ir,ur”. Soon, we will add some twin sounds, oi/oy, ou/ow, au/aw. We are also learning about parts of speech, nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs.

**Important Dates to remember:**

* **April 3rd** – **Field Trip to WABI TV studio.** See separate attachment.
* **April 11th – PTF Glow Party**
* **April 21st – 25th – April Vacation.**
* **April 29th- Arts and Academic Night.**