

## April News

Dear Parents,

How is it possible that we're almost halfway through this month?!

This month has been full of fun. On the 1<sup>st</sup>, the kids had the opportunity to sign a beam that will be in the new elementary school in Skowhegan. On the 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mr. Drew's Exotic Animals visited the school. We learned a lot about his unusual pets.

After reading If I Built a House by Chris Van Dusen, the kids wrote their own version of this book. These "published books" will be ready for you to enjoy during our Fine Arts/Academics Night.

In phonics, we have focused on the r-controlled vowels. They now know that /er/ir/ur/ all make the same sound. We are currently working on the /or/. After vacation, we will learn the pirate sound /ar/.

We just completed a unit on non-standard measurement and more word problems. The measurement portion of the unit was fun, but the word-problem portion was very difficult. We will just keep plugging away at them. After vacation, we will do a unit on geometry, fractions, and time to the hour and half hour.

On May 1<sup>st</sup>, our school will be hosting a Fine Arts and Academics Night. More information will come from the principal. Hope to see you then!

Enjoy the spring break next week with your kiddos!

Sincerely,

Paula Whitemore