**April 2025**

**Newsletter**

Our focus in phonics this month has been *R* controlled vowels: er, ir, ur. Next up will be ar and or. We’ve also been spending a lot of time practicing writing words that have similar spellings with long and short vowels. I.E.: spin/spine, plan/plane, strip/stripe, etc.

If I Built a House by Chris Van Dusen has been our writing inspiration. In the story, Jack created the most phenomenal house. Now it’s our chance to create a fun house during writing. When we are all done, their books will get “published” (typed by me). These kids have quite the imagination!

During our science block, we spent a week learning about how rainbows are formed. To finish up the mini topic, we made beautiful rainbow decorations that are currently hanging from the ceiling in our room. Our theme in social studies and science is all about where the resources in our community come from.

We have spent most of the month working on measuring with non-standard units. That simply means we used objects other than rulers to learn how to measure. Now we are focusing on word problems again. We haven’t done a lot of these since the beginning of the year. Having this school year to grow in math understanding and maturity has made word problems a lot easier this time around.

Reading…what can I say other than, “Wow!” They have come so far! I’m so proud of them.

In grammar, we are continuing to revisit nouns, pronouns, adjectives, action verbs, and contractions. We will soon be learning about compound words. They are also getting better at editing the mistakes found in sentences.

DATES TO KNOW:

April 3rd-field trip to WABI and lunch at Chase’s Restaurant

April 19th-26th-spring break

Until next month,

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