

Pre-K Post

January 17, 2025

It's been a fun week learning all about our new study: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. We've been learning what each of these words actually means as we apply it to real life experiences. Our discussion for REDUCE was: If you are at the store with your mom or dad and see an amazing new toy. First, think to yourself, "Do I really need this?" If the answer is, "Yes, I need this." Then your parent says, "No." Then you respond with, "Okay!". I hope it works! We practiced it several times 😊. For REUSE, we found ways to reuse an egg carton and paper towel rolls. For RECYCLE, we talked about what's recyclable and have practiced recycling items at school. We also watched a couple of fun videos to help us better understand the importance of the three R's. Please consider sending in a few items: paper, cans and plastic are what we are recycling in class. Please consider sending in a few items: paper, cans and plastic are what we are recycling in class.

This week, we started a new phonics program called, UFLI Foundations. It was developed by the University of Florida. Kindergarten and first grade classes in Leon County Schools are already using it. The effectiveness of this research-based program has been phenomenal. The LCS Early Childhood program decided that it would be helpful to give rising kindergarten students an introduction to the program. I am teaching an abbreviated version that is more appropriate for pre-k. This week, we focused on identifying the letters Aa and Mm and their sounds.

We read two great books: The Paper Bag Princess, this book is about a brave and clever princess that rescues her prince from a dragon only to find out that he was not worthy of her rescue. It is a very cute and funny book written by a father for his daughter. Our other book was Hush, A Thai Lullaby. This book is about a mother that is so busy hushing all the animals around her home so they don't wake her baby and all the while the baby is awake and exploring the porch and yard. We also listened to a book about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and read several other fun books.

In art, we made Paper Bag princesses, glued Apple Jacks on A and monsters on M. In small groups, we fished magnetic letters from a tub of pasta, worked with numbers and environmental print and tallied and sorted trash/recycling. It's been a wonderful week!

I'll be out Wednesday, 1/22 attending an early literacy training hosted by FSU's Center for Reading Research.

Menu:

M: No School

T: cheesy bread, vegetables, fruit and milk

W: hotdog, carrots, fruit and milk

TH: fried chicken, collard greens, fruit and milk

F: waffles, sausage, tater tot, fruit and milk

Dates to Remember:

January 20th Dr. Martin Luther King holiday, no school

January 22nd Mrs. Norvell is out at a reading training

January 24th Spirit Sprint Pep Rally

January 27th-31st Spirit Sprint Week

January 31st Spirit Sprint run at 1:00*

February 17th President's Day holiday, no school

March 10th-14th Spring Break

March 17th Teacher Planning Day, no school

***Spirit Sprint:** Pre-k will run at 1:00 on Friday, January 31st. Parents are invited to come and watch. VPK students that leave at 12 are invited to stay, have lunch with us and run at 1:00. Parents can take them after the spirit sprint ends.

Have a great weekend!



Playing with Pop-It toys made from recycled materials.



Choice time fun.

Here is a link to our Amazon Wish list:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/l?ref=abn_tools_business_lists&filter=all

Transition letters are in folders today, along with student work and information about our upcoming PTO fundraiser, Spirit Sprint.