

Leo is our Star of the Week!

REMINDERS

Mondays – remember to return borrowed library books

Tuesdays – remember to return your child’s at home guided reading book

March 4-11 –MAP and Unit testing

March 13-15 – AISM closed for holidays – no ECE III newsletter due to the short week



DANCING WITH DRAGONS AND A VERY GROUCHY LADYBUG

This week we continued to study Eric Carle’s works and use these books as a basis for many of our language arts lessons. In writing, we continued to learn more about how to write a friendly letter to someone and how to write an opinion. We decided to write a friendly letter to Mr. Carle and tell him what we liked about his books. The letters are mailed off to the United States and hopefully we will get a reply! We also read [The Grouchy Ladybug](#) by Eric Carle and used it to make a [text-to-self connection](#). Making connections to texts is a strategy used to improve comprehension. Besides the Grouchy Ladybug and the Very Hungry Caterpillar, we’ve also read [the Very Busy Spider](#) and [Mr. Seahorse](#). Next week we will read even more Eric Carle books.

In social studies, the students continued to learn more about basic geography. They are learning about maps, globes, and regions. Many of our geography lessons are tied to the various holidays and special days in February. This week, we focused on the continent of Asia and on the Lunar (Chinese) [New Year](#) celebrated earlier in February. We learned that Asia is the largest continent and many countries, cultures, and regions in Asia celebrate this important holiday. The students learned about the [Dragon Dance](#) and made a Dragon Dance puppet.

Next week we will do our final unit assessments in language arts and social studies. We will also do our MAP assessments on Wednesday and Thursday morning. Please be sure your child gets to school on time and is well rested. Have a good weekend.

Mrs. O

SOME PHOTOS FROM OUR WEEK



We learned more about 2 great American presidents and made posters to help us remember Presidents Lincoln and Washington.



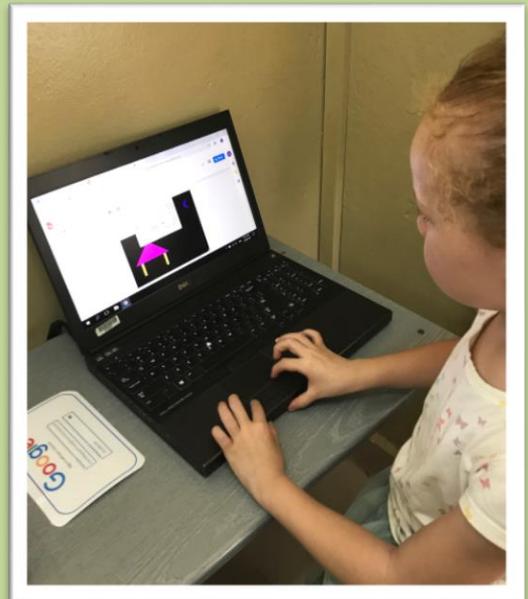
We can use our counting bead line to answer math questions, e.g. "Where is 65?"



Exploring (and trying to read!) the Eric Carle big book "A House for Hermit Crab"



Using a word wheel to build and read new words during small group guided reading (work with teacher)



Using digital media in the computer lab to illustrate our opinion writing (favorite listening station book)