

# OUR 2E CLASSROOM NEWS

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## Upcoming Events

- 4/29/17 Spartan Dash (hope to see you there)
- 5/1/17 New Student
- May 4, 11, 18, 25 Early Out
- 5/12/17 Countdown Activities Begin!
- 5/15/17 Walk to the Public Library
- 5/24/17 Step-Up Day
- 5/25/17 Last Day 1:32 Dismissal

## Our Week of Learning

**Reading** - We began our new theme, Talent Show. Our first story, The Art Lesson, told of a little boy who wanted to be an artist. Ask your child what talent s/he feels s/he has. In small groups, we continued to work on reading our Chapter Books, and writing responses to our reading. Next week we will be reading a story about a deaf boy who goes to a concert.

**Word Study**— We continued our focus on adding **-er, -or** to the end of words. When reading these words, we focused on looking for the base word. They found it much easier to write these words once they wrote the base word before adding the suffix. We also worked on adding **-ing** to verbs.

**Math** - The children are really expanding their vocabulary with our Geometry unit. This week they built rectangular prisms, counted the sides, vertices, and angles in shapes, and sorted shapes by looking at different attributes. Next week we will be turning our attention to fractions.

**Science/Writing** - We are nearing the end of our Pebbles, Sand, and Silt investigation. This week the children wrote like scientists while following a recipe to make soil (see if your child can tell you what "ingredients" we used). The children then used their knowledge from previous experiments to separate the soil particles. Next week we will be doing the same experiments with our local soil and comparing our results.

## Special Note

We had a full and busy week!

### Author Skype

On Wednesday morning, the children had a chance to visit with author Jessica Young. The children had many questions to ask her about her book Haggis and Tank (thanks PTO for buying a copy of this book for each of us!)

### Field Trip

We had a beautiful day for our field trip to Kent Park. The children were able to make connections from things they saw at the park to experiments they've done in the classroom. They looked at soil, learned about the life cycle of insects in the Wetlands, saw decomposition at work in rotting logs, and looked for signs of animals in the Prairie. Our leaders told us many times how well-behaved our students were :)

## Specials

**MON. DAY 4 MUSIC**

**TUES. DAY 5 ART**

**WED. DAY 6 PE/SS**

**THUR. DAY 1 MUSIC**

**FRI. DAY 2 MEDIA**