

# Mrs. MacDonald's Intermediate Classroom

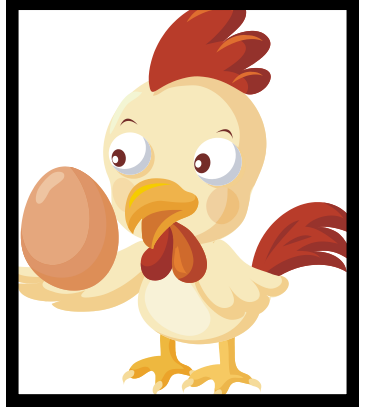
## May Already?

I cannot believe that it is May already.

Here is an overview of what we accomplished last week and what is ahead of us this week.

### Last week:

- For math, we worked on area and perimeter using Cheezit Crackers. We discussed the difference of area (being the units inside) and the perimeter (being the units around the outer edge). Students were given a problem to solve. If I could only get 20 feet of fence for Oreo, what would be the best way to set the fence up for Oreo to have the most area to run. This required students to figure out the shapes they could make using this amount of fence for the perimeter and then determine what configuration provided the best area. We divided the perimeter by 2 and made up all the rectangular configurations for 10...5x5 4x6 3x7 2x8 and 1x9. Then the area of each of these shapes were calculated. It was good practice.
- We completed all Legacy Project books and all but three have arrived as I type this newsletter. They will probably arrive while we are at school on Monday. Please stop in and see them. I will have all the copies at school. It is very exciting.
- We worked on Ohio History and have scheduled a trip to Carillon Park for Tuesday. This should be a good experience and reinforce what we have been reading about in class. BE SURE TO RETURN PERMISSION SLIPS BY MONDAY!!!
- We worked on Animal Adaptations and completed brief writings on reptiles, fish, birds and mammals.
- We reviewed the proper use of quotation marks. Remember comma, quote, capital, ...
- We played a game called "I have who has..." for multiplication skill review. This may be coming home this week for extra practice.



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Homework:

**Monday:** Wordly Wise— Unit 15 review word meaning and spelling.

**Tuesday:** Field trip to Carillon Park and Mound in Miamisburg...bring sack lunch and drink...red shirt day.

**Wednesday:** Math Practice

**Thursday:** Wordly Wise-study for the spelling and vocabulary test

Friday is a morning spotlight.



## Legacy Project

Thanks to everyone for being so fast to return your orders for the Legacy Project books. I was able to get all orders off before the shipping was charged.

This is huge! The book went from \$27 to \$40 with shipping and taxes. That is just ridiculous. I am glad that it all worked out!!!! The books are beautiful and so unique. They are all at school, and I strongly encourage you to stop in and take a look at how special each of these books are. Eleven of the 14 books are in and the remaining three were ordered one day later, so they should arrive tomorrow. They will be on display from now until May 16th. I look forward to our Legacy Project morning. Parents are welcome to join us.

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The eggs are being rotated and tomorrow is "Candling Day". We will have the chance to candle the eggs and see what is going on inside. Hopefully all is going well and we will have chicks hatching soon. The expected hatch date is next Monday.

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### Poetry Journals

Poetry Journals are being graded ... the rubric in the back of the poetry journal allowed students and parents to know what was expected in the poetry journals. Students were graded on neatness, SPELLING, effort, illustrations and following directions. If a poem is a cinquain poem, (a five line poem) and there are four or six lines to the poem, then the poem unfortunately did not meet the criteria for a cinquain poem. We went over each of these poems in class and read examples of them before students were assigned to write them. Many of the cinquain, and several of the Haiku, (5 syllable, 7 syllable, 5 syllable poem) did not follow the directions. I am a little disappointed since this was HOMEWORK on several occasions and students were given a good deal of class time to work on these. They will come home later this week, but need to be returned by Friday. They will be put in the collection of student work that will come home at the end of the school year.

# Quick Reminders:

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- All permission slips for Carillon Park were due on Friday. Please be sure to return the permission slip on Monday if you forgot to send it Friday.
- Tuesday, we will be visiting Carillon Park.  
Red Field trip shirts are required...shorts can be worn if it is going to be warm, jeans or uniform pants if it is cool.  
Remember to wear good walking shoes...we will be doing quite a bit of walking and also going up 116 steps at the Mound.
- May 16th is Legacy Day... we can't wait. Please be sure to let me know how many people will be attending.



Only 23 days left in the school year....  
let's make the most of it!