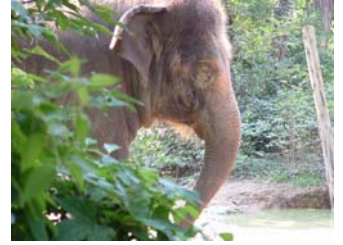


MRS. MACDONALD'S MULTI-AGE CLASSROOM



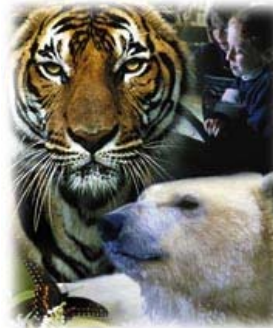
Zoo Trip is Tomorrow

Tomorrow is our trip to the Cincinnati Zoo. I appreciate all those that volunteered to help drive down and help chaperone. We will be observing the feet of animals and try to prove our hypothesis that Feet do determine what an animal will EAT. We will observe animals and determine whether they are omnivores or carnivores and determine

how they use these forelimbs differently. We predict that the forelimbs of a omnivore will display more dexterity than that of a carnivore. (The reason being that carnivores use their teeth more than their hands.)

Our trip should prove to be fun and informative. It is an excellent hands on opportunity to do scientific research, make predic-

tions and prove a hypothesis.



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Important Dates

- ☺ October 30th Field trip to the zoo for observations.
- ☺ Tuesday is Halloween, students may dress in costumes. Please do not wear anything scary or dangerous. We do not want to scare the younger children.

Friday Folders

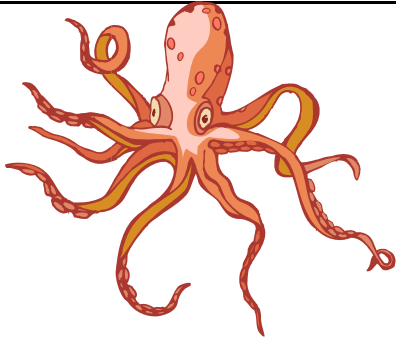
There were not Friday folders last week. The work for the week is being collected and saved as work samples that we will be discussing at conference time. I know many of you want to know how your child did on the vocabulary test. I will send these home this week. I want to go over these with the class first. They did a great job. I have several samples of

math and other work that will be coming home as well. If anything was out of sorts I would send home a copy of that work so that you would not be caught off guard.

Last week was an unusual week with picture day, explorer night and a half day on Friday. Thank you all for showing up for our explorer evening. The videos are available on the website. The

Magellan song that they all wanted you to see is available at youtube, search for Animaniacs Magellan song. The game we were going to play is available on QUIA.com search for early explorer game.

Math



This week in math we worked on multiplication and division practice. We worked on more conversions of milliliters to liters, feet to inches, and inches to feet. We worked on simplifying fractions and finding common denominators. We worked on making equivalent fractions, prime or composite numbers and prime factorization.

Simplifying fractions still poses a problem for some students. We will keep practicing.

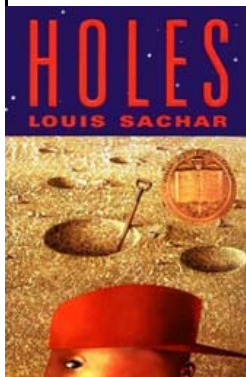
Reading



We continue to work in reading groups on these stories. We work on comprehension skills, inference, and predictions.

Students were presented many new books for self-selected reading time. These books are by some favorite authors, and some are award winning novels.

Each day students will have the chance for some time for independent reading. This is also encouraged at home. Students are encouraged to share the books they read independently with their classmates. The books they find interesting may spark an interest in someone else.



Vocabulary skills are going strong.

Social Studies

We worked on explorers and took a test on the accomplishments of the explorers that we have been studying. Everyone did a great job. Students have done a great job learning about these explorers. One of the questions on the test asked what did you learn about explorers. Someone answered "I didn't know there were this many explorers and I didn't know what they did." I thought this was an interesting response. We haven't finished learning about explorers yet...we continue with English colonies in North America and then move to the Renaissance and Reformation.

Legacy Project:

This week we will be composing letters to the person your child has chosen for their legacy project. If you have not sent in the name and address yet, please do so as soon as possible. There are plenty of things for me to keep track of on a daily basis for each student. It makes my job a bit easier when things are turned in on time. Please help me keep a bit of sanity and send in the legacy person's address, stamps and \$4.00 for the trunk if you have not done so already.

"From your parents you learn love and laughter and how to put one foot before the other. But when books are opened, you discover you have wings."

-- *Helen Hayes*

Conference Time

Next Thursday and Friday students do not have school so that the teachers can meet with parents. Please bring your questions, comments and concerns at this time. Conferences are in 15 minute blocks and since we are coordinating many parents with the other two teachers conference schedules, we need to stick to this schedule. Please help us by being prompt and not extending past the conference time. If you need extra time, we can schedule another time.

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try ignorance."

-- *Author Unknown*

