

MRS. MACDONALD'S

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LEGACY PROJECT

Legacy project work in near completion. I have enjoyed hearing the students tell so many stories of their grandparents and friends. Better yet was to hear them tell me what they learned by doing this project.

Tonight I placed an order for the first group of the books. Everyone will have a book printed and everyone will have the option of purchasing the book for the cost of \$25.00 and \$5.00 for shipping and handling. Additional books can be ordered, they will take 5-7 days to arrive. I have been very impressed with students enthusiasm for the project.

I would like to have a special breakfast for those able to attend on March 23rd. This is also our early dismissal day. I thought that this would give the students a chance to share (with their parents and grandparents or special person) the book they created, the treasure chest and the memorabilia. Please fill in the reservation form and let me know how many people will be attending.

Thank you for all your help with this project.

Important Dates

March 2nd- no school for students

March 5-10th Iowa Testing

March 7th- Hot Dog lunch (Wednesday)

\$2.50

March 17th- Get Lucky Gala

March 23rd- Friday—
Special Person Breakfast
and book sharing.



MATH

This week we worked more on decimals, and basic skills. Reviews were taken last week and most did an excellent job in all areas.

We worked on simplifying fractions and making equivalent fractions. (Some wanted to call this complicating fractions!) We continued to work on Math Minutes, these are spiral reviews of math skills.

READING

Our independent reading time, covering books in a series is drawing to a close. The time for this unit of study took considerably longer than originally planned due to the unplanned missed days of school. This week all groups worked on listing the Characters, Setting, Plot, Rising Action and Resolutions that were found in their books. Next week, they will present to the class their chosen books and whether they would recommend this book to others.

Next week we will work in new reading circles. Students have chosen books and will be working on building skills with these new books.

IOWA TESTING

Next week the 3-6th graders will be taking the Iowa Basic Skills Test. This is a standardized test to give us an indication of student performance.

This test cannot be studied for, but coming to school prepared is important. Everyone will take the test in the morning. Please be sure to give your child a nutritious breakfast and try to get a good night of sleep.

YEARBOOK

The yearbook is coming along nicely. Mr. Dinsmoor has put an incredible amount of time and energy into helping the students learn more about this process. I think you will all be pleased with the final product.

YEARBOOK

NEWS TO NOTE

This week, Madelynne Rines joined our class. Madelynne is a third grader from Dennis Elementary. It is wonderful to have her here.

Here is a picture of Madelynne getting her Henna tattoo from Shuruthi. Shuruthi has only been here a few months. She is from India and she shared her talent of HENNA TATTOOs with the students.



The henna was squeezed on like frosting in a tube. It needed to dry for 30 minutes, then would rub off leaving a light yellow colored mark. In the morning, the henna turned to a reddish-brown color. Karum's mom told us that if you put lemon and sugar on it, it would last longer and for brides-to-be it would tell you how strong your relationship with your mother-in-law was going to be by the intensity of the color.

The students enjoyed this experience, so did Miss Teter and I. They made the observation that the henna had an earthy odor...like

spring mud. Enjoy the pictures below



- Alyssa and Sydney clean up after Pancake Lunch. Pancake lunch was delicious!!! Thanks Mrs. Meador and Mrs. Kelly!!
- Molly really enjoys tattoos.



Madelynn, Kyla and Kristen show the finished work.



Julia is just smiling.

Jacob is King of the Mountain.



Madeine and Mary with tattoos. Chandler with Valentines.

