

# MRS. MACDONALD'S MULTI-AGE CLASSROOM

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## LEGACY PROJECT

This coming Friday, grandparents and grandfriends are invited to join us for the morning. Students will be sharing parts of the books that they have written and the artifacts that they have chosen to place in their trunks for their Legacy Project. I am looking forward to celebrating the completion of this project. Everyone worked very hard on this and it shows.

Many people have not indicated how many people will be joining us for the morning. Please send back a written response of how many extra people will join us on Friday morning starting at 9:30. A sign up sheet came through email two weeks ago, but only three people have responded. I just need a number for muffins and juice.

Out of uniform Friday— students may come to school out of uniform on Friday, March 23rd, our early dismissal day.

### Important Dates

March 21 Boonshoft  
Permission slip due back

March 23rd- Friday—  
Special Person Breakfast  
and book sharing. Early  
Dismissal 12:00

Field Trip to Boonshoft  
March 26

April 5- Magic show at  
the Academy at 1:00

April 6- Spring Break  
Begins

Coming Soon—Cosi  
Overnight



## MATH

We have been working on fractions and last week we began looking at fractions as simple outcomes. Expressing simple outcomes as a fraction shows the probability of an occurrence. We played an online game called toads and vines. Questions about probability had to be answered in order to move the marker in the game. It was a great reinforcement of this skill. We looked at improper fractions and practiced making mixed numbers. ( $16/5 = 3 \frac{1}{5}$ ) We made equivalent fractions and worked on putting fractions in lowest terms. We converted fractions to decimals and percents.

## READING

Reading time has evolved a bit differently this week. We were up at the pre-school most mornings and worked on reading independently. Students were given packets with comprehension questions concerning the books they are reading. Four books were given as choices and at least three of these books must be completed and two comprehension packets. It was amazing that the books that were chosen have been discussed and enthusiasm for reading the next book has increased. They are doing a fantastic job. Skills are strong and motivation is high.

## IOWA TESTING

IOWA testing is nearly complete. The tests were administered and will be sent for scoring. When the results are in, I will schedule conferences to discuss the results.

## EGGS

We are turning the eggs each day and hope that we will have chicks hatching in another week. We will continue to learn about life cycles through plants and animals. We will be working on a unit on conservation and ways that we can impact the environment.

# SOCIAL STUDIES

We are learning about the branches of government. We will be watching a video this week about each of the three branches of government and then answering some questions about them. The video series is called "The Almost Painless Guide to the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Branches of Government." Last week we learned about how a bill becomes a law and watched a School House Rock Video...does anyone remember school house rock?

# NEWS TO NOTE

This weekend's big news was the Gala. It was a fantastic event. Tricia Fote did an incredible job coordinating everyone's efforts. A huge thanks to everyone involved. It was really fun. I can't wait til the next one. .





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