

March Newsletter
Mrs. Works' Grade 1 Class



What We've Been Up To:

• **Language:** In February, we completed a How-To Paragraph. Each student thought of something they could do well. In a paragraph, they gave step-by-step directions that someone else could follow. We had some interesting talents from making homemade ice cream to starting up a dirt bike! Next we will learn about some parts of speech (nouns and adjectives). We will also begin persuasive writing, like they need any practice with the art of persuasion!

• **Math:** With the lessons we have done on place value students are beginning to understand the value of each digit in a number (in 78 the 7 stands for 7 groups of 10 or 70 and the 8 stands for 8 ones). The games that we played will also help them develop the concept of trading/regrouping for when they begin adding and subtracting larger numbers. Recently, we started learning about shapes. We are discovering the specific properties of shapes. What makes a rectangle a rectangle or a triangle a triangle? Did you know that a square is a special type of rectangle? Three-dimensional shapes will also be studied.

• **Science:** Students are excited to start their first science unit this year. We are studying solids and liquids. So far, children have observed, sorted and built with solids to help them discover their properties (rough, smooth, flexible, rigid, breakable, pointy, hard). We are now moving on to liquids.

Upcoming Events:

- **March 8:** PTF Meeting at 3:10
- **March 22:** Teacher Workshop Day
- **March 26:** Basket BINGO 5:00 doors open 6:30 BINGO starts

Reminder

Keep those reading logs coming in. The more you read the better you read! Your child can also win a bike! For each reading log your child turns in with 60 minutes or more between now and the Friday before April break they will get a ticket to put in for the Bikes for Books raffle.

Want to Help?

We could still use some hair and nail items for our Basket BINGO basket.