



April Showers Bring May Flowers...



April 27, 2018

Dear Parents,

I look forward to meeting with, or having phone conferences, with most of you on Wednesday, May 2nd. School is in session that day. If you have any questions or concerns, we can go over them at this time, along with reviewing the Benchmark Tests and DIBELS reading scores throughout the year.

In class this week we met Ms. Vv with her vegetable vest and Mr. Zz with his zipping zippers. We watched a volcano erupt in the middle of the blacktop on the playground, as Mrs. Rissler read a book to us about volcanoes. We made little volcanoes in our classroom out of playdough and watched what baking soda and a little vinegar can do. We also played a game called "Zagic" and magically changed words of items in the classroom to words beginning with the /z/ sound.

Another highlight of the week was having Mrs. Jones, Lilly's grandmother, teach us about planting seeds. We have our own tiny greenhouse in our windowsill and hope for things to sprout in five days or so. That's pretty exciting. We are so thankful for her time and expertise in the garden.

Our new words to read are: where and come. Continue to read each day with your child and practice making sentences together. We took our End-of-the-Year Benchmark in reading, and it appears that great progress has taken place this year.

Our word family next week will be words in the --un family. Please practice these at home! We work on them at school, and the kids are discovering they can read so much now.

In math it would be helpful to review the numbers in the teens, and talk about the number that comes before, between, and after a number from 1-50. Can your child look at: 17, _____, 19 and tell you the missing number? Other skills we are to know are quantity discrimination. Does your child know which is the larger number....24, 17? How about...9 and 15? Can he/she count backwards from 20? Almost everyone can count to 100.

Next week will be busy with conferences, and a pop up field trip to DePauw University Campus Farm. Parents will not be attending this trip, but we will be anxious to share all about the day's adventures.

Mrs. Swingley