

Kindergarten Newsletter

March 26, 2010



Literacy:

During the month of March, America celebrates the renowned author, Dr. Seuss. Kindergarten was able to learn more about this famous man and his unique story called, The Sneetches. We read many other stories from his collection and made a Dr. Seuss book to go along. Kindergarten is also practicing sounding out those tricky words. We learned a few fun steps when we are having trouble:

- 1.) Look at the pictures
- 2.) Get your mouth ready
- 3.) Stretch it out
- 4.) Hop over it
- 5.) Take a guess and move on
- 6.) Look for chunks
- 7.) Does it sound right?

You can help your child at home with these steps when they're practicing reading!

Treasure Book:

The Star-Belly Sneetches had bellies with stars, the Plain-Belly Sneetches had none upon theirs. One might think that such a thing would not matter. But because they had stars, the Star-Bellied Sneetches would brag that they were the best kind of Sneetch. They would have nothing to do with the Plain-Belly sort. And when the Sneetch children went out to play, they could play only if their bellies had stars.

The Plain-Belly Sneetches were just wishing their bellies had stars, when there came a stranger named Sylvester McMonkey McBean. He had heard of their troubles, and he had come to help. His prices were low, he worked at great speed, and his results were guaranteed. Sylvester McMonkey McBean put together a peculiar machine, and soon the Plain-Belly Sneetches had stars upon theirs. They yelled with joy that they were just like the Star-Bellied Sneetches, and they could go to their parties.

The Star-Bellied Sneetches worried how would they know which kind is what, and how would they tell them apart. Sylvester McMonkey McBean offered to help them too. Stars were no longer in style, he said, and he removed the stars from their tummies. Then they opened their beaks and shouted with joy that the best kind of Sneetches were the Sneetches without.

Things became a terrible mess, as the Sneetches raced through the machine

again and again. Changing their stars as long as they had money. Until neither the Plain-Bellies or the Star-Bellies knew which was which or what was what. Sylvester McMoney McBean laughed as he drove up the beach, "The Sneetches will never learn", he said, "for you cannot teach a Sneech "!

Next weeks treasure book will be Mr. Wishy Washy by Joy Cowley.

Math:

This week in math we read the story Green Eggs and Ham. We concluded the story by eating Green Eggs and Ham and graphing our findings! Do we like the taste of Green Eggs or not? Later, we wrote about our graph and what our data showed. Many of us LOVED the taste and wanted seconds!

We also continued to practice addition, subtraction, and counting. We learned several math words such as *more*, *less*, and *equal*.

Looking Ahead

March 26: Spring Carnival

March 31: Early Dismissal at 1:30

April 1- April 5: NO SCHOOL/ EASTER BREAK

April snacks can come in at any time. Please donate if you have not already done so.

Remember to return report cards to school!

Have a good weekend!
Mrs. Kelzer, Miss Redfearn, Mrs. Wurster