

Funderburk Room 18 Multi-Age Classroom Newsletter Vol. 11

Weeks of April 8 – April 29, 2019

“Pure mathematics is in its way the poetry of logical ideas.” – Albert Einstein

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- **Game Day** continues this Tuesday April 9th, resuming for two final weeks on *Tuesday April 30 & Tuesday May 7*
- **Game Day - 2 Week Hiatus** – No Game Day on Tuesday April 16 (Spring Break) & Tuesday April 23 (teacher workshop)
- **Multilingual Mainers Lunch Session # 2** – Continues early this week – last week: Italian and Spanish
- **Arthropod Scientist Visit** – Wednesday April 10 - Jon Wallace & LEAP (Learning, Enrichment, Academic Arts Program)– Mr. Wallace will bring some arthropods to show our classes
- **Early Release Professional Day** Thursday April 11, 1:10 Dismissal
- **No School Professional Day** Friday April 12
- **Screen Free Week** – April 29 – May 3 (we will try to be screen free also this week!)
- **ACES (All Children Exercise Simultaneously) Day** – Wednesday May 1, 9:15 AM
- **Diversified Arts Screen Free Evening** – Wednesday May 1, Coffin School, 5:30 – 7:00 PM
- **Memorial Day – No School – Monday May 27**
- **Maine Marimba Ensemble Visit – Wednesday May 29th**
- **Multi-Age Feast & Festival Celebration – Thursday June 6, 5:30 – 7:00 PM**
- **Maine State Music Theater Walking Field Trip – *Snow White* – Wednesday June 12, 10 AM**
- **Maine Wildlife Park trip – Friday June 14 – All Day** *some details below

Last Week, This Week (and Next Week):

- **Reading:** Learning more about literary language – ways authors make things sound special – comparisons, metaphors, similes, noticing these special phrases in texts. This is a great skill to use when reading poetry as well, so it transfers into more than one area of our reading. We’re also building more strategies for better fluency – flipping sounds in words, thinking of a word that makes sense, making sure a word looks right on the inside, getting a running start
- **Writing:** Opinion writing – Writing about something that is the best, things we want to change, that are our favorites (including book characters) and things that are special in our lives – introduce your opinion by asking a question, giving reasons, examples and expecting arguments or disagreements
- **Math (grade 1): Chapter 13** Addition and Subtraction to 40 (regrouping begins this week) – adding/subtracting using place value charts, base 10 blocks, adding on using tens and ones, using a hundreds chart as a tool, counting back and counting on to subtract smaller numbers
- **Math (grade 2): Money** – Value and counting of coins and bills

Classroom Updates

- **Snacks** are getting low in the classroom. Our Coffin School snack cabinet depletes a bit quickly (and fully services hundreds of needs per week. Any donations are welcome.
- **April is Poetry Month** – We’ve read a few poems on March, an untitled e.e. cummings poem, and a poem on caterpillars. We have been noticing how inanimate things (like the month of March) can move & talk. [Maine Wildlife Park](#) – June 16th (Friday) Permission forms have not been distributed but will be sent out in the coming weeks for this field trip. We’ll be there most of the day from 9-2PM (including drive time). Chaperones are welcome. The cost will be minimal - \$3-\$4, all sorts of Maine animals are at the park.

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