

# Mrs. Markwell's

## Good News



March 11, 2010

Character Word of the Month: *Citizenship*

### What happened this week:

During our reading lessons this week, we have been learning about the main idea in the story and action words. In addition, the kindergarteners learned about sequencing events. We also learned the letter Ee and the sound it makes. The students read the decodable book *He is Pug*. They are doing a great job on reading the decodable books in kindergarten.

Our math class consisted of telling time to the hour. At home you may work on telling time to the hour and the half hour. You may be surprised on how well your child is telling time in kindergarten! The kindergarteners also sequenced events and learned about the calendar this week.

Throughout our learning centers, the students identified the value of a penny, nickel, dime, and quarter using a pot of gold, matched up rhyming words, made a potato leprechaun, and wrote their color words while making a shamrock book.

### Looking ahead to next week:

Reading: introducing the high frequency word *she*, reading the decodable book *A Pet for Ken*, and learning the letter Bb

Math: telling time to the half hour and chapter 12: addition

Learning centers: seasons

Theme Activities: seasons

### Important Dates to Remember:

March 26, 2010- End of third quarter

March 31, 2010- Report card day

March 31, 2010 - Early Dismissal at 1:40 P.M. for spring break

May 5, 2010- Field Trip to Grant's Farm

Next week I will be attending a reading conference. There will be a substitute in the classroom on Thursday, March 18, 2010 and Friday, March 19, 2010.

Please send in the field trip permission form and the \$2.00 payment for the field trip to Kaskaskia College by tomorrow. Thank you!

I have sent home a book order. Please return the book order by Friday, March 12, 2010. Thanks!

In the classroom, I would like to have the students make leprechaun traps in small groups. Please send in with your child items to make the leprechaun traps. Items that you may send are paper towel rolls, egg cartons, string, or any other type of materials. Please send in the materials on or before March 17, 2010. We hope we catch the sneaky leprechauns! Thank you for your cooperation.

The students will be dismissed on March 31, 2010 at 1:40 P.M. for spring break. There will be no school on April 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> due to spring break. I hope everyone enjoys the extra time to spend with your families!

St. Patrick's Day is on Wednesday, March 17, 2010. Please have your child wear green to school. We will participate in St. Patrick's Day activities during the day.

I hope you enjoy the weekend!

If you have any questions you may contact me. Thank you very much!

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