

February 27th, 2017

Dear Families,

Welcome back to an exciting, full week of school. Last week we had a lot of fun, and learned a lot at the science center. Our presentation on Space was very interesting. In the large, dome theatre, we were able to see and learn about constellations and the planets. Over the next few weeks we will continue learning about space in class.

Last week there was a typo in the homework letter. Instead of the word 'it', students were supposed to practice the word 'was'. Many of you caught this mistake, but we will go back and practice this word for homework this week. In addition to the word 'was', we will also be practicing: be, for, on.

This week we are also beginning our home reading program. Books will be exchanged on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. If your child is finished reading their book have them bring it back to school and we will exchange it on those days. We are working this year to have the students independently change their books on these days. Students will return their books and select a new book from their level. Parents will need to **write in the date and title** on the card enclosed in their child's book bag. Students are expected to spend approximately 10 minutes a night on home reading.

Important home reading notes:

1. Students are to be reading by themselves, but should be reading next to an adult who is supporting and supervising them.
2. Students should be using their grapheme sounds, and spelling word recognition to read.
3. Parents should ask comprehension questions such as: what happened in the book, who were the characters in the book, what did you like best about the book (more on reading comprehension will follow in future homework letters).
4. As many of the books are simple and short, we expect students to read the book several times before exchanging it.
5. If you feel the books are too easy for your child (they can read it entirely without your help), please write a note to your child's teacher.

Reminders:

- March 10 – Grade 4 assembly (10:30 am, AM class only)
- March 22 – Last day of classes before Spring Break!
- March 23 – Parent – teacher conferences
- April 3 – Classes resume after Spring Break

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In the blue notebook complete <u>half</u> a page printing the word 'was'. - Home reading book exchange. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In the blue notebook complete <u>half</u> a page printing the word 'be'. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In the blue notebook complete <u>half</u> a page printing the word 'for'. - Home reading book exchange. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In the blue notebook complete <u>half</u> a page printing the word 'on'. 	<p><u>Spelling Review</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Return homework in homework folder. - Home reading book exchange.

Happy home reading,

Mr. Rip and Ms. Enerson