

Pre-K

Mrs. Hawk and Mrs. Jack

We had a nice Christmas break and then a little more with the crazy weather, but we are back in full swing and working hard. The cold weather reminded us about our animal friends and how they survive in winter when food is scarce. We learned that there are basically three options at this time of year and gained a few new vocabulary words. We can adapt, which means to change in some way. Some animals can actually change their appearance! The Artic Fox and the Hare change colors to match their snowy surroundings. We human animals can't do that, but we can wear hats, coats, boots and gloves to keep us warm. Some animals migrate which means to travel to another location. Animals that can fly or swim are likely to migrate. Did you know that it takes three generations of Monarch butterflies to fly from Canada to Mexico? Even though the butterflies that make it to Mexico are the grandchildren of the one who began the trip, they follow the same route! Amazing! If we can't get away or change our physical appearance in the winter time, maybe we should just sleep! Hibernating is a way in which some animals survive. When animals hibernate, they eat lots of food, find a cozy place and slow their breathing and their heartrate so they use very little energy and then they wait out the winter. Groundhogs (not Gregory), snakes, ladybugs and bats are just some of the animals that hibernate. We learned that most bears Do Not hibernate. They sleep deeply but can wake up; so be very careful if your run into one now. We had to choose a place to hibernate and most of our students picked their own beds. We told you they were smart!

We also decided that since we couldn't afford the airfare for all of us to go to Florida, then we would just have to hibernate. We wore our pajamas to school (best part), ate lots of food (veggies and junk....but veggies too) and then settled into our nice warm cave (tent). It was a lot of fun, but I don't think we want to hibernate too long. We might miss too much!

We had a lot of fun visiting with Mr. Vogel and the Childfind team this month. Mr. Vogel taught us how important it is to be a good pet owner and the Childfind teachers played games with us. Both visitors said our students were wonderful! We knew that but it is nice to hear.

February is a special month for us. Gregory's Day, or Groundhog's Day is a great way to celebrate our buddy and hopefully hear that winter is soon over. I'm hopeful! It's also special to cheer on our favorite team in the Superbowl. This year's contest is even more exciting with our local Eagles battling it out. We are coming together for football and friends by making it a "Souperbowl" this year. We hope we collect a lot of cans of soup for the food pantry.

Valentine's Day is such a great time to talk about love and friendship. Saying 'I love you' is very important and it's also fun to make a few fun hearts to give away.

We're going to blast off into outer space too this month. We will explore the planets in our solar system and find out how they are like earth and different as well.

We hope everyone is practicing their envelope games. It's a great way to strengthen those skills and get a prize for your efforts!!

