

Mountview Community Kindergarten

Weekly Update: Monday, October 26th, 2020.

A WONDERFUL WEEK

This week our butterflies hatched from their chrysalises! To connect with this learning, the students researched what our butterflies needed to survive. The students found that Painted Lady Butterflies like to eat nectar from flowers such as aster, buttonbush, blazing star & cosmos. We used pattern blocks and radial symmetry to make these flowers. The students showed their pictures to the butterflies so they would know what they needed to eat.



Students also researched what our butterflies needed to do in the fall to survive. They learned that insects are cold blooded. For our butterflies to survive they needed to fly somewhere warm. Like monarchs, our Painted Lady Butterflies fly to Mexico or California. The students wrote instructions for their butterflies.



Students also learned about other animals that migrate to warmer places for the winter. During circle time we saw Canadian Geese flying above our heads and learned that they also fly South for the winter. The students learned about shapes, symmetry and practised their writing as they made pictures of geese and wrote about what they learned.



Learning Connections at Home

Language:

Last week our Letter of the Week was E and the word family of the week was the -ap family. To help consolidate what they learned, listen to our weekly language songs. As a guided reading activity, can also work with them on our word family story:

Language Songs:

Phonics Song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BFLIZKpi1Zs>

Letter Song: Ee <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BMLtpWCdBeY>

Word Family Song: -ad

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A20pc-u61Z4>

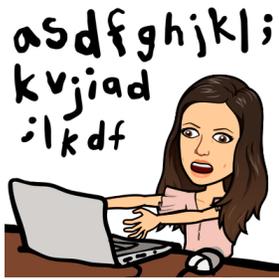
Word Family Story:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AvlOIGoCgQo>

Science Clips:

Migration: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hMAS4SdPj-w>

OTHER CLASSROOM UPDATES



Our NEW Classroom Website:

Recently, the TDSB mandated that we only use board certified websites for our classrooms. For this reason I built a new website page for our Mountview Kindergarten program. The benefit of having this new site is that you can only access it by invitation or following the link so it is more secure. On this site you will find our Happy Monday Messages, weekly newsletters, interactive bitmoji classroom, weekly plans and daily routines. As it does not have a blog page we will expand our weekly newsletter to include student work and photos. We hope you like it! Here is the link:

<https://sites.google.com/tdsb.on.ca/mountviewcommunitykindergarten/home>



Curriculum Night:

On **Thursday, October 29th** we will be having our curriculum night from **6-7pm**. At this session we will be going over our daily routines and answering questions about our program. The link for the google meet can be found below!

<meet.google.com/bfw-yvjk-wza>

Classroom Donation List

If you would like to donate supplies to our class this week, please follow this link! Please sign your name next to the items you will be purchasing.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rpYgBqmTh4YlviomIaN_TtL8Oz6NjIQupkN3Kw6aWJlO/edit?usp=sharing



Theme of the Week

Our weekly plans have been posted on our new website. Next week we will continue to study living things...but they will follow a Halloween theme. On Friday, students will be creating monsters using the different characteristics of animals they have learned about. We will also be listening to a series of Halloween themed stories. This will also be a dress up day. Please feel free to send your child to school in their costumes.

Language:

This coming week our **Letter of the Week is the letter F** and our **Word Family of the Week is -at (review)**. Have fun practising these language activities at home in our interactive bitmoji classroom.

Mathematics:

In our recent mathematics unit we have been learning about patterning, pattern blocks (2D shapes) and symmetry. If you would like to explore activities with this theme please check out our bitmoji classroom. Here are also some songs to help solidify these concepts:

Pattern Song:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hoFhVdYsmPg>

Shapes Song:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=svrkthG2950>

Symmetry Song:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SJlhywRfvh8>

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/e/2PACX-1vR3uLS6NKCPx7rmbaxuC_tcfDHDH3tppOHdskMkOngPIE64wsx8YRLR13khr566r-5dRYcreLWLnwfs/pub?start=false&loop=false&delayms=3000

Looking forward to a wonderful week ahead!

Amy, Hyma & Jane

