

Sept. 16, 2011

Dear Parents,

We had a great week, full of color, rocks and reading.

Your child is now in one or two reading groups at the appropriate level, 4 days/week, for 30 minutes. I could still use a parent during that time(8:40-9:40) on Mondays to help kids when they are not in a group. Ask your child which book(s) he/she read this week.

Our writing was about what we want to be when we grow up. There are some great aspirations!

We talked about the different sizes and names of various earth materials. See if your child knows what a cobble is.

It was fun discovering the magic of colors. Today was filled with fun color activities and a treat. We made a First Grade Human graph of our favorite colors as well.

A Habit of Mind that came up frequently was empathy(How would you feel, put yourself in someone else's shoes.)

I look forward to seeing you at your child's conference one evening next week.

Today you will find a field trip form for our trip to the fire station. Starting this year, you will need the volunteer background check to attend field trips. We also ask that no siblings attend.

Have a great weekend.

Sincerely,

Becky Swanstrom

