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Dear Parents of Silver Door,

I am so glad to see everyone after a relaxing and safe Spring Break. I am shocked to say that there are just nine more weeks left of the 2020-2021 school year. Can you believe it?

In Language Arts and Reading, we ended theme nine this week. Our spelling words consisted of words that had the vowel sound of /aw/, /au/ and /oi/, /oy/. Some words were paw, haul, coin, and boy. Our class story was titled, "The Surprise Family." It was about a baby chick who was born and raised into a family with humans. After growing up, she so badly wanted a family of her own. A little boy found her eggs to lay on and eventually raise. One day they grew up and were walking near a pond. The babies went swimming and scared their mommy hen. Turns out they were ducklings not chicks! The hen received her surprise family. Some of our story vocabulary was chicken, feathers, gathered, and taught. We also spoke about words to describe parts of bird. We discussed prefixes like un- meaning not as in undo and re-meaning to do again reread. We also discussed suffixes like -ful, -ly, and -y. We added them to the end of words like help, sad, and luck. Parents, starting this Friday we are going back to book reports. The book report will be given every Friday and the students will have the weekend to do it and need to bring it in on Monday for a grade.

In Math, the students started a new chapter, Chapter 11. In this chapter the students are learning about patterns. This week the students learned what a pattern unit is and what a repeating pattern is. They also learned that there are patterns based on color, size, shape, and number. On Friday the students got to use counting cubes and created their very own patterns. Next week we will be finishing the chapter and doing our test.

In Science, we started our new topic, Living and Nonliving Things. The students learned that a living things goes through a life cycle and also needs air, food, and water while a nonliving thing does not. Examples of living things are people, a panther, tiger, butterfly, tree, etc. Examples of nonliving things are a toy, a pencil, a ball, a bottle, etc. We read two stories: Felina's New Home and Fun in the Rain Forest. While reading them the students pointed out what the living and nonliving things were. For our experiment, the students got to make their very own terrarium. Next week we will continue with this topic.

"Always let your conscience be your guide." – Jiminy Cricket, Pinocchio

Have a terrific weekend!!

Ms. Sammy