

K-2 Newsletter 3/22/19

On Tuesday the K-2 went to Thetford Academy to see their school sugaring operation. We divided up into groups and saw how to put spouts on pipeline, make sugar-on-snow (with a sample!), and the actual evaporator working in the sugar house. The other group went for a short hike to the sugar bush to see the buckets and pipeline that have been put up previously. We heard about each TA student's project that they are working on through this process. It was a beautiful afternoon to be outdoors, and the children had a great time!

Second graders worked with place value to 1,000 this week in math. They put together ten chains and then hundred chains of paper clips for a total of a 700 clip chain and lots of teamwork! I saw some very good collaboration and cooperation as they stretched the chain out to its full length -- about 60 feet. They are still working with coins and dollars as well, so any time you want to dig out a handful of change and practice counting it with them, feel free. First graders have been working on 3 dimensional shapes. We went on a school search and found shapes in many places. Today we used polydrons in different arrangements and had to predict whether they would make a cube or not. Kindergarten worked on counting on from 5, equations, and adding to make the next ten from different amounts.

If any family would like to donate firewood for the kindergarten's forest day, we could use some. What we need is indoor kindling-size, but it can be campfire quality wood. If you have some, let Ms Kicza know or bring it by. Thanks!

At forest day this week kindergarten learned about how different mammals move (walk, waddle, hop, or bound) and how that makes their tracks different. They practiced moving like animals, including deer, bears, weasels, and chipmunks, both indoors and out. Outdoors they found and followed tracks and tried to identify the animals that had made them. They had a good playtime outdoors with lots of teamwork, problem-solving, and building. They also enjoyed drinking some sap from our sap bucket and bringing some inside to save for boiling later.

Thanks to all the students and parents for coming together with us and connecting on your student's progress at conferences! It's always good to check in and talk with families.

Please enjoy some K-2 photos (below) from this week, including some from our field trip.



























