

September 29, 2023

# The Rocker's Report

Class Newsletter



Just a reminder the date for school pictures have been changed to **Thursday, October 5th**.

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## Aldo Leopold Trip

Remember that next **Wednesday, October 4th**, we will have our first field trip to Aldo Leopold in Madison. The following people have signed up to chaperon: Suzanne Cheadle, Kathy Convery, Dan Kleinschmidt, Mary Ndiaye, Toni Sies, Becca or Josh Thompson, Johan Vermaak and Nancy Booth.

Remember to **send a cold lunch** with your child that day **unless you signed up for a sack lunch from school**. We will be outside for a large portion of the trip, so make sure your child is dressed for the weather and has appropriate clothing- **no sandals or crocs please**.

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## Academics:

**Reading-** This week we read a story called Destiny's Gift. Destiny loved reading, writing, learning new words- anything having to do with books. She wanted to help save Mrs. Wade's neighborhood book store. We worked on identifying character traits and finding evidence in the story to support our opinion. *Ask your child: Give a character trait for Destiny. Why did they choose that one? Some ideas might be kind, thoughtful, hardworking, and brave.*

**Math-** Our first unit is focusing on ways we can learn our basic facts. We are beginning to focus on using strategies to help us solve math problems in the most **efficient** way possible. *Ask your child: What does it mean to be efficient? (Solving in a way with the least amount of work/steps. For example, counting by 1's would not be an efficient way to add 2 numbers.)*

**Language arts-** We have been working on Daily Language Review (DLR). This week we were identifying nouns and verbs, correctly writing words to make them past or future tense, making contractions when we know the two parts and continuing to correct the sentence of the day.

We also started our unit on narrative writing. We identified ideas "close to our heart" that we can write about.

**Spelling-** Our rule this week is: If words end with a silent e, the vowel sound is long. We've been comparing that to last week's rule that CVC words like bat, have a short vowel sound. That ties into our DLR because we learned that if we have a word that follows the CVC pattern, we double the final consonant and add -ed (the ending).

Like: bat/batt**ed** vs. jump/jump**ed** vs. like/lik**ed**

**Social Studies-** The students are now learning that there are many ways to identify where we live-Earth, North America, the USA, and more. Knowing our address will help people find us easily.

**Science-** We have been learning how there are many **varieties** of fruits and vegetables. In the United States there are more than 100 varieties of apples. Humans created all of these varieties through the process of **selection**.

### **Important Information/Reminders:**

- Field trip to Aldo Leopold-** Wednesday, October 4th
- Picture Day-** October 5th \*NEW date\*
- Homecoming-** October 13th
  - Monday-Game Day! Dress in jersey, fav team or game.
  - Tuesday- Blast from the past! Dress from another decade or look old...
  - Wednesday-Wacky Wednesday! Backward, mismatched, goofy hat...
  - Thursday-Class color day. 3rd grade is **BLUE**
  - Friday-Viking Spirit Day!
- Field trip to the Overture-** Wednesday, October 25th

# Special Star

Jay was our special star the week of September 11th. He celebrated his birthday on Labor Day, Sept. 4th. Maybe he went out to eat the food he likes best, pizza. He likes to listen to the country singer Morgan Wallen. His favorite sport is football, but he feels he does well with playing sports in general. One day he hopes to be a professional football player. Every day after school, Jay goes to his friend's house. If he's just relaxing he might be either watching his top movie *Guardians of the Galaxy Volume 3* or reading *Diary of a Wimpy*-his favorite book series. To help out around the house, Jay does the laundry. Someday he would like to visit either Australia or Europe.

**Eli was our special star last week. He celebrated his birthday on September 7th. I wonder if he got to enjoy his favorite food, hot dogs, on his birthday? Every day after school, he plays Roblox. He likes the book series Dogman while the TV series It is Cake, made his lists of favorites too. He doesn't have a favorite singing group but really likes the song *Toxic*. To help out around the house, he vacuums. Soccer is Eli's favorite sport, but he says rugby is something he does well. However, when he grows up, he would like to be a professional soccer player. Eli would like to visit Portugal someday.**

Chloe was our special star this week. She will celebrate her birthday on May 22nd. She loves pies, so maybe she has that instead of cake. Every day after school, Chloe watches TV. She might watch her favorite movie Sing 2. Her favorite book series is Junie B. Jones. She is a Swifty-a fan of Taylor Swift's music. To help out around the house Chloe vacuums. She feels she is really good at decorating. Some day she would like to visit Hawaii. When Chloe grows up, she'd like to be a teacher.

