

*April 26, 2024*

# The Rocker's Report

Class Newsletter



**Another Successful Music Program-** I am so proud of the 3rd graders for their wonderful performance today. From the recorder performance to the speaking parts and the dancing, they “ROCKED IT” all!

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## Upcoming Events:

We have two field trips coming up in May. Permission slips are in your child's Friday folder today. Please note that there isn't a spot to sign up to chaperone for the Donald Park field trip. If you are interested in chaperoning the field trip, either write a note at the bottom of the permission slip or email me. Thanks so much for considering!

Family reading night will be coming soon to the IC! Please see the [Link explaining the details](#)

## Academics:

**Reading-** We experienced our first week with the new CKLA reading program. We are learning many facts about light. We know light is energy. It travels in a straight line through the vacuum of space. Once it hits particles of dust and drops of water it can affect how light travels. There are different wavelengths for light. *Ask your child to tell you which light has longer wavelengths and less energy? It is red. Ultraviolet has the shortest wavelengths.*

We read both nonfiction and narrative pieces. We identified that they were both telling us facts about light and how it travels, but it was

done in very different ways. *Ask your child to name the two characters and tell you a few facts about each?* Sam Van Lumen and Jack Audire - Sam is an artist but struggles to see. Jack is a musician but struggles to hear. They have been friends since 3rd grade and have done many things together in their lifetime.

**Language arts-** For the language portion of CKLA we are reviewing the 8 different patterns that make the /ee/ sound. Please help your child find time to practice the words on the list that came home on Monday.

We are learning the morphology of words, specifically the suffixes -er -or -ist -ian. We know that by adding those suffixes, we are changing a word to mean a person who does .... For example, music (base word) becomes a musician (a person who plays music). *Ask your child to give you another example of a work with -er, -or, -ist or -ian word.* ex.) Farm (verb base work) becomes farmer (noun- person who farms),

Next, our writing involved taking notes of observations we made in our non-fiction reading about light. We identified what light is? *Ask your child: How fast does light travel in a vacuum?* 186,000 miles per second We also wrote complete sentences about information we found in our text.

Lastly, we worked on making adverbs by adding -ly *We joyfully sang our songs today.*

**Math-** This week we solved a few quadrilateral riddles, then we brainstormed attributes for the shape we chose so we could create our own riddles. Figuring out the right order to put our clues in so our classmates could solve our riddles was challenging.

In Number Corners, we have continued to work with fractions on our calendar and on our calendar collector (collecting  $\frac{1}{2}$  hours,  $\frac{1}{4}$  hours and  $\frac{1}{3}$  hours).

**Science-** Our new unit in CKLA is all about light and sound, so we are incorporating science in that unit.

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

- Author visit Maribeth Boelts-** April 30 @ 8:15

- Stephanie Sutter Award Assembly- May 3
- Field Trip to Donald Park- May 9 (see permission slip in Friday folder)
- Early Release- May 13@ 12:40
- Field Trip to UW campus- May 16 (see permission slip in Friday folder)
- 3rd grade Tie dye - May 23 8-11 am
- Memorial Day- No School- May 27
- Family Reading Night- May 29 @ IC from 6:30-7:30 ([see flier](#))

## Special Star

Owen was our special star last week. He celebrated his birthday this past Saturday, April 20th. I know he got a cool Flamingo soccer jersey, but maybe he was treated to tacos to celebrate his special day too. His favorite singer is Eminem and music group is White Stripes. Playing soccer is what Owen feels he does well, so it makes sense that it is his favorite sport. Every day after school he walks home with Birane. He really likes the *Garfield* book series, while Star Wars: Phantom Menace is his top movie. Owen says he helps out at home by getting the mail. Someday, he would like to visit China. When Owen grows up, he would like to be either a professional soccer player or a videogame designer.

