



Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that March is almost here! Hopefully, we will begin to see signs of spring. As we finish the month of February, we have added some new words to our word wall. These include: **look see of you they are do that make funny come one two three four five** We will also be adding the color words: **blue green yellow** Word wall words or "popcorn words" serve as anchors when your child reads independently. Please practice spelling and writing these words at home. When your child is writing, please encourage your child to spell these words correctly. Other words may be spelled phonetically by writing letters for the sounds that your child hears. Does your child ask "how do you spell ____?" Remind them to say the word slowly and write letters for the sounds they hear.

Writing journals are going well. Writing several sentences or a story each day is helping reinforce good grammar and letter formation. If your child is having difficulty deciding what to write about, talk with them about their day or have them draw a picture. These are both great pre-writing skills.

In science, we will begin our study of animals and plants this week. Naturalist Jack Hubley will visit and present his program "Critters Beyond Your Back Door" in March. (Yes, he will be bringing along some critters!)

In math, we continue to practice recognizing and writing numbers. We talk about the numbers before and after a given number. We are learning about addition also.

Reminders: Wednesday, Feb. 27—Early Dismissal Day

Thursday, Feb. 28—Crazy Dress Day

Sincerely,

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