Phenology—What’s Happening Out There?

Students have been using iPads to take pictures of spring phenology and are working on making digital phenology notebooks and iMovies!

A couple of Ms. Starr’s stars at their Performing Arts Variety Show!

First graders visit the third grade nonfiction research extravaganza “Walk on the Wild Side”!
Curriculum Notes

**Reader’s Workshop**
Thank you for reading with your children at home and sending in reading calendars. Student have shown amazing growth and progress! We will begin end of year reading assessments this week.

**Writer’s Workshop**
Students have just finished their Expert Books. It’s fun to see all the experts on a variety topics! Our next unit of study is poetry. Students will read, write, and share a variety of poems. They will be able to identify features found in poems. Poetry is a great way to end the year, as it allows for great creativity and free expression of thoughts without being confined with mechanics.

**Everyday Math**
Math Journals will be sent home at the end of the year. Math boxes or journal pages that haven’t been complete can be used as a review and/or preparation for fall math placement.

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Decorating our Expert Book covers!

**Capitol Hill is...**

**Questions to ask your children:**

**Student Wellness**
What time do you need to go to bed so you are ready and prepared for an active day of learning?

**Student Equity**
Culturally relevant teaching and learning includes: realness, relevance, relationship, and rigor. We continue to focus relationships between teacher and student and student to student. We are continuing to practice kindness, compassion, and empathy in our classrooms.

**Gifted Students**
Reflect on your first grade year. What are you able to do now that you couldn’t do at the beginning of the year? What accomplishments make you feel proud?

**Thank you!**
This is our final newsletter. We have enjoyed working with all of your talented children this year. We appreciate all of the support you have given. Have a fantastic summer! Thanks :)

Celebrating Earth Day!